NEWSLETTER

THE BUILDER

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

OCT 2020

WELCOME!

GET IN TOUCH

Church Address: 115 N Washington Ave, Albert Lea MN 56007
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Website: salemalbertlea.org
Worship: Sunday 9:00 am

STAFF

Pastor Erica Cunningham
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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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Worship during COVID 19

Because we unable to gather in person for worship, we are trying to come up with creative ideas to keep people engaged in worship and the life of Salem.

These are challenging times. And we are navigating uncharted waters.

Thank you all for your patience and support during this time!

Guidelines for reopening the building

- Minimum of 6 feet between households
- No personal greeting (hugs, handshakes, etc)
- No mingling
- People will come in one door, go straight to their pew, and exit a different door when worship is over
- No books, papers, pens, etc
- No singing
- No communion
- No coffee hour. No food or drinks at meetings
- No corporate speaking (Creed, Lord's prayer, etc)
- Masks will be required at all times in the building
- No Air Conditioning or fans

At this time, the building remains closed to worship and all groups and activities

TEMPLE TALK – SALEM LUTHERAN - OCTOBER BUILDER

As we move into fall, we see the conclusion of another growing season. It also tells us that 2020 is quickly coming to an end and plans need to begin for 2021. Could another year provide more changes than 2020 did? What will be in store for 2021?

We need to reflect on what the members have appreciated and participated in since the middle of March.
Worship Services (Regular and Virtual)
Drive-through Communion
Monthly newsletters
Salem member telephone calls
Virtual Wednesday coffee
Read through the Bible in One Year
BLAST (Children`s Ministry)
Benevolence Ministry (Lutheran Social Service, St John`s, Food for Backpack, etc)

In most cases these have served as a substitute for what we normally experience when we gather as a congregation. I want to thank everyone that I have had telephone conversations with. I feel that we have been able to get to know each other better. We may not have made that opportunity if it had not been for the 2020 Covid pandemic.

As we look ahead toward next year, we wonder at what part of the year will the members feel safe to gather to worship. When will we be able to resume activities in the church? How will each of us be willing to participate? How will the investigation of Shared Ministry benefit our congregation? Are there new ways that we can offer our service to the church that will fulfill our needs to give of ourselves that give benefits to our church?

The financial gifts that the members of Salem made are appreciated and have allowed Salem to sustain itself during these times. Many of the expenses of the church have continued very similar to what they were prior to the building closing. As members of Salem we want to financially support our church so we can meet together to worship in the future. All of us have recognized how our priorities have changed during the last six months. As we move toward Commitment Sunday (November 15th), please prayerfully consider the priority of your commitment to Salem for next year.

Bruce Ness
Stewardship Committee

The pantry has been used and appreciated by the community. Thank you!

Little Free Pantry

We are accepting donations! Some of the items needed:

- Canned goods (fruit, veggie, meat)
- Boxed meals (hamburger helper, mac & cheese, etc)
- Cereal
- Pasta
- Peanut Butter
- Crackers
- Toothbrush/toothpaste
- Diapers
- Feminine hygiene products
- Toilet paper

We are also accepting monetary donations.

Mission
The Humane Society of Freeborn County is a non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to provide the means for the prevention of cruelty to animals, to enforce all laws designated for the protection of animals, to promote responsible pet ownership, to place all adoptable animals into responsible homes and to control overpopulation through community education and spay/neuter programs.

Founded
September 1976

FINANCIAL CORNER

AUGUST INCOME
$10,324.98

AUGUST EXPENSES
$13,902.32

AUGUST INCOME VS. EXPENSES
$-3,573.34

2020 INCOME:
$ 115,253,74

2020 FROM SCHWAB:
$8,000.00

2020 OTHER INCOME:
$

NOISY OFFERING:
SEPTEMBER: $130.41
2020 TOTAL: $761.49

QUIET OFFERING 2020 TOTAL:
$ 357.98

Building Fund as of 6/15/2020

Total Contributions
$21,685.20

Expenses:

- Joseph Co ~ $163,707.00
- Engineer (Short, Elliot, Hendrickson) ~ $6,003.02
- Thompson Electric ~ $5,983.63
- Slowinski Flooring ~ $2,883.00
- Reim Roofing ~ $545.68
- Water Softener ~ $1,199.85

Total Expense: $180,322.18

Schwab Endowment Fund draws
$158,000.00

Unofficial Council Hi-Lites— September 15, 2020

Pastor's Report: Pastor Erica went over the funeral plans and safety measures for Sunday funeral. Made some plans for cleaning the building before and after the funeral due to Ray not being available in the near future.
Budget & Finance: Mary reviewed financial documents.
Building and Grounds: Larry reported that our snow removal guy is retiring. Larry will get some estimates. Larry will talk to someone about restriping the parking lot.
Church in Society: Donna was not present.
Worship & Music: Shari reported her committee had met via Zoom. Would like a make a giant Advent wreath for the parking lot and a Christmas tree in the courtyard. Possible wrap the poles with tube lights.
Stewardship: Kathy reported the committee had met and discussed refining what they are doing. Article in Builder. Pr. Erica reported a church member would like to purchase video equipment to stream services. Committee meeting will be rescheduled to October.
Youth: Diane said kids are enjoying the baskets. Will continue to do this until we can meet in person again.

Old Business:

- Window/tuckpointing was supposed to be done with the window. Larry will check on this.
- Diane suggested we try to keep October's Noisy Offering local. The Freeborn County Humane Society was chosen.
- COVID Task Force has met and implemented some of the safety measures.

New Business:
-Pastor's health care has to be approved each year. Gold Plus Plan was approved.
-Next meeting Tuesday, October 20th. In person weather permitting. If not via Zoom.

OCTOBER Birthdays

Oct. 1	Joann Iverson
Oct. 5	Presley Duenes
Oct. 6	Manville Ayers, Jeffrey Johnsrud, Scott Ness
Oct. 7	MaryAnn Allison
Oct. 9	Penny Grangruth
Oct. 12	Richard Sande, Beth Spande
Oct. 13	Suzanne Holty
Oct. 15	Mark Gayken, Terry Olson
Oct. 17	Emma Weckwerth
Oct. 18	Pat Dollum
Oct. 19	Karen Rugroden
Oct. 20	Blair Bonnerup, Brandon Bonnerup, Larry Enderson
Oct. 21	Valta Hestness, Ryan Ulve
Oct. 22	Spencer Bonnerup
Oct. 24	Ann Austin
Oct. 27	Jackson Reisdorfer
Oct. 28	Duane Wessels
Oct. 29	John Bleckeberg
Oct. 31	Linda Bendickson

OCTOBER Anniversaries

October 9	Scott & Pam Jacobsen	5 years
October 14	Bill & Sue Sherman	53 years
October 24	Sam & Jamie Kirsch	33 years

LET US PRAY…

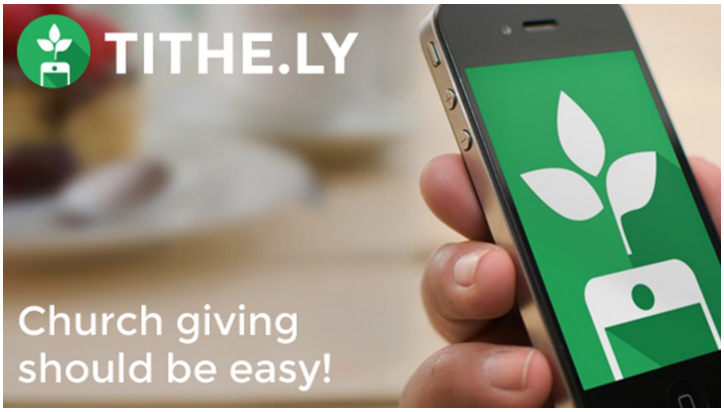
Ray Smith
Cindy Enderson
Larry Enderson
Annette Petersen

Those who mourn: Family and friends of John & Audree Wagner.

In September, we delivered kits to 13 children who learned about Adam and Eve. In October we are looking at the pumpkin gospel. If you would like to sign up your children, please go to our website or contact Pastor Erica!

To give electronically, please download the Tithe.ly app and search for Salem Lutheran Church.

You may also give through our website! Salemalbertlea.org



Dial in for Worship!

Each week call

507-201-8421

to hear a brief reflection, readings, and prayers!

Drive-thru Communion

October 4, 2020

October 18, 2020

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Communion will be pre-packaged and handed out to go.

All are welcome!

Those who would like communion, but are unable to travel to Salem, may request an outdoor visit with Pastor Erica. Please call her or the church office to schedule a visit!

MEMORIALS

Gifts were given to Salem Lutheran Church in memory of Roger Nelson to:

Salem Church

Salem Roof Fund

Salem Altar Guild

Salem Lutheran Church
115 N Washington Ave
Albert Lea MN 56007-2488

"Change Service Requested"

Postage Paid
Permit No. 229
Albert Lea MN 56007-2488
Non-Profit Organization

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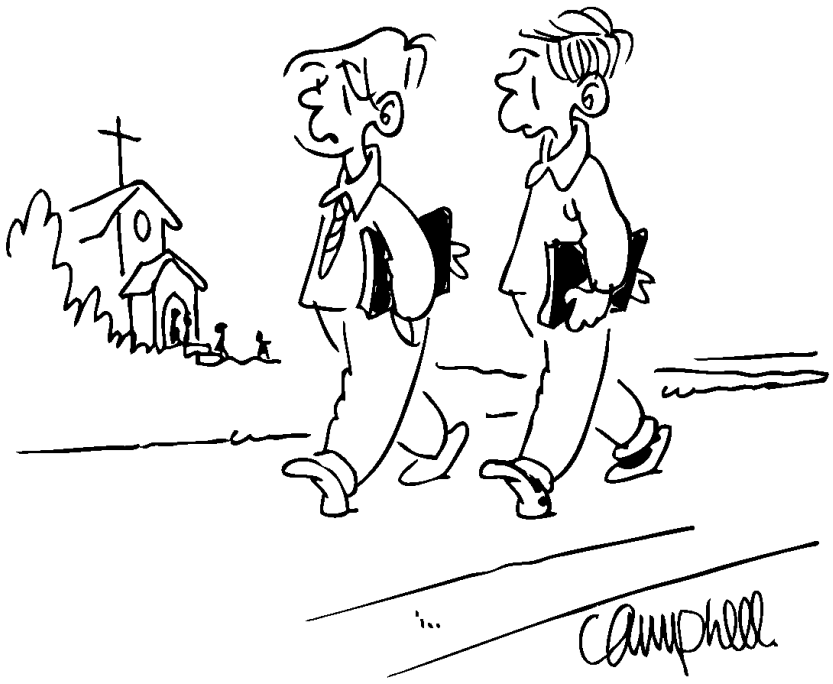
Salem Lutheran Church is a Christ-Centered Community, building relationships, growing in faith, and serving others.



"Must've been a candy apple. I can't believe Adam and Eve would do us in for plain fruit."