

# NEWSLETTER

# THE BUILDER

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

SEPT. 2022



## WELCOME!

### GET IN TOUCH

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**Worship:** Sunday 9:00 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.

## INSIDE THIS ISSUE

### UPCOMING EVENTS SEPTEMBER AT SALEM

### Women of Salem

Next Meeting—August 31 at 10:00 a.m.

### Agenda to Include

- Where are we with WELCA?
- Circles & WELCA have funds— how do we deal with it?
- Open Forum—what do you want to do?

All Women of Salem are invited!  
Please come!

### Bible Study

Pastor Daphne will be leading a Bible Study on Thursday,  
September 15 at 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.  
Details to follow.

### 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:

Dear Friends,

September. Fall. The season of fullness, of harvest; of shorter and cooler days; of leaves transforming from greens to yellows, oranges, and reds.

I'm always ready to move into a new season a little ahead of time. I guess I just get impatient for the changes. By the time you read this most of my autumn decorations will have been out for some time. To be honest, I'm even just beginning to feel the Christmas season stirring--I like the colors, lights, decorations, and even the feeling of coziness that winter itself can bring.

However, these seasons seem to pass by more quickly than they used to. In the fall, the leaves drop, we celebrate Halloween--and then we seem to be at Thanksgiving! The next week (so it seems) is Christmas.

We can't control time--or the length of time it takes for some things to be accomplished. I want to thank you for the patience you are showing as Salem moves through its transition process. Transformations take time! They can, however, lead to wonderful new things--especially when we see change through the eyes of the Holy Spirit!

In the meantime, savor this season's beauty!

Blessings,  
Pastor Daphne



## FINANCIAL CORNER

### JULY INCOME

\$ 12,793.78

### JULY EXPENSES

\$ 8,062.14

### 2022 INCOME:

\$ 81,462.99

### 2022 FROM SCHWAB:

\$ 15,000

### 2022 OTHER INCOME:

\$

### NOISY OFFERING:

LITTLE FREE PANTRY: \$ 215.74

### Thank You

With a very humble heart I say "thank you". Never would I have dreamed of the response from this church family. Your gift, after our flood damage, has been so helpful. Thank you, thank you. Our Lord has used you greatly in a time when I and my family were in great need.

Again I say thank you!

Jan & Ron Reshetar.

### Unofficial Council Hi-Lites— August 16, 2022

-Called to order by Beth Spande.

-Attendance: Beth, Kathy, Shari, Bruce, Troy, Pr. Daphne, Donna, Frank, Mary and Annette.

-Devotions by Bruce.

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

Pastor's Report: Pastor Daphne reported working on visitations, 2nd Bible Study Aug. 17 and a Sept. one planned. Pr. Todd here August 28th. Brought up idea of History Room. Need volunteers to sort thru Val's items.

Motion passed to establish a History Committee.

Committee Reports:

-Church in Society: Donna reported \$215.74 received for Little Free Pantry last month. Another Thrivent card received to purchase supplies for Little Free Pantry.

- Building & Grounds: Frank reported electric motor replaced, will have Reim Roofing look at missing shingles.

-Worship & Music: Shari reported the committee planning a Thanksgiving Eve Service with a soup supper.

Stewardship: Kathy reported the committee had met on July 31. Nov. 13 Commitment Sunday. Oct. 25 Commitment cards to be in the mail. Temple Talks effective for strong Salem support.

### Old Business

Church Picnic: 38 people—12 were from Ascension.

Troy reported dehumidifiers were sold out at Costco.

### • ---New Business:

-September Noisy Offering will go to the Little Free Pantry on motion by Kathy which was seconded by Shari.

-Salem has one family that will be attending Sunday School at Ascension

-Women of Salem—Kathy reported all women were contacted and a structure is being developed.

-Approved Shirley Noaeill for the Library Committee.

-Memorial Comm. Members—Caroline Neale, Bruce Ness, Larry Lahs, and Sharon Dilling were approved

----Next meeting, September 20th at 6:30 p.m.

----Meeting was adjourned.

Thank You

Thank you letters have been received from the American Red Cross, Lutheran Social Service.

Altar Flowers

Sept. 4 –Jim & Mary Gulbrandson  
 Sept. 11– Frank & Pat Gjersvik  
 Sept. 18—Beth Spande  
 Sept. 25—Larry & Mary Lahs

Memorial

-Given in memory of Jan (Reim) Doyle to Salem Altar Guild & Salem General Fund.

Thank You

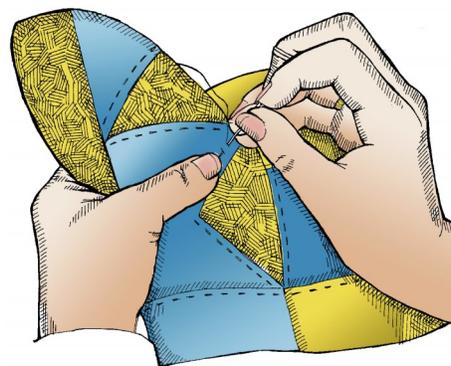
Dear Members of Salem Lutheran Church,

I want to express my heartfelt thanks and deep appreciation for the help that you have given to my parents, Ron & Jan Reshetar, and the exceptional gifts that you have given to my family and me. The badly needed furniture, small appliances and misc. household items that you were so kind to gift us has been such a blessing. Going "shopping" in the church basement was an experience, blessing and joy that I won't soon forget. Without your much needed help we would have been in far greater need. From my children and I, Thank You. Dan Hensche and children.



## Sew 'n' Tell

Sept. 13 & Sept. 27  
 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.



QUILTING GROUP

Men's Bible Study

Sept. 2

Sept. 9

Sept. 16

Sept. 23

Sept. 30

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



## Report on Meetings with the Ascension Council

On Wednesday, June 8, the Salem congregational council hosted a meeting with the Ascension congregational council. This meeting, suggested by Ascension, was to get acquainted and to explore the possibilities of shared ministry within the two congregations. We began with statements from those present about their backgrounds with their congregations and what they think is an attractive point about their church. What became clear is that they all love their church and want the best for both congregations. Both congregations wish to retain separate identities.

We discussed what resources each congregation has to share with the other and also talked about what the procedure might be for moving forward. A few concerns were voiced. The next step in the exploratory process was one of self-study. We asked for ideas and concerns from the congregations in the weeks following.

We met jointly again at Ascension at the end of July. There we reviewed what congregational sharing is and is not. (See the lists below.) We reviewed what budget items would be shared (those items relating to pastoral ministry) and those which would be separate (those relating to buildings and operations). Our next steps included setting up a planning group with a few members from each congregation and planning for the next meeting at Salem on August 24 to which we invited Pastor Matt Larson from the Synod Office.

At the August 24th meeting, Pastor Matt Larson stressed that we are NOT discussing a merger or takeover. We are talking about Salem contracting with Ascension to share Pastor Boorsma, each paying a percentage of his salary and benefits. We would start out with a specified time period as a trial of the procedure after which we would evaluate how the agreement is working and whether we want to continue. We will keep you posted each step of the way and we welcome your ideas and concerns. Please voice your concerns to church council members. The council includes Shari Budach, Frank Gjersvik, Mary Gulbrandson, Bruce Ness, Kathy Paul, Annette Petersen, Beth Spande, Troy Waldemar, and Donna Werner.

### Shared Ministry

IS: Sharing one pastor for pastoral functions and care  
Cooperating as two congregations in other ways (especially Christian education and Bible Study)  
Continuing separate congregational councils (plus a joint council)  
Keeping both buildings and congregational identities

IS NOT: Merging two congregations into one new one  
Eliminating one congregation in favor of the other  
Holy closure and/or selling one of the buildings  
Sharing or splitting operational costs between the congregations





# SEPTEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sept. 2 Ashton Sternhagen

Sept. 5 Ramona Anderson

Sept. 6 Ute Olson

Sept. 13 Samuel Krekula

Sept. 14 Joe Van Reese

Sept. 15 Bruce Ness

Sept. 16 Lindsay Reisdorfer

Sept. 17 Karen Malakowsky,  
Cynthia Van Reese

Sept. 18 Linda Christian, Carrie Salemme

Sept. 19 Sue Troska

Sept. 21 Ethel Lea Moen

Sept. 23 Dean Beighley, Jill Citurs

Sept. 26 Kathleen Paul

Sept. 28 Kaly Daoheuang

Sept. 29 Jill Quesenberry, Caleb Sousa

Sept. 3 Harold & Eileen Holty 17 years

Sept. 6 Scott & Kim Heilman 19 years

Sept. 8 Jim & Mary Gulbrandson 15 years

Sept. 10 John & Deb Stolarcek 28 years

Sept. 11 Brad & Deb Pirsig 46 years

Sept. 13 Ryan & Kristyn Ulve 8 years

Sept. 15 Angie & Robert Jackson 32 years

Sept. 28 Ken & Laura Delano 37 years

**LET US PRAY...**

*Larry Enderson*

*Woody Hestness*

*Susan Storlie*

*Shirley Eustis*

*Bob Cotton*

*Troy Waldemar*

*\*Family & friends of Marie Petersen  
(mother of Annette Petersen)*





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Christ-Centered  
Community,  
building  
relationships,  
growing in  
faith, and  
serving others.*

