



Beloved People of God!

In this busiest month of the busiest time of year when much of our energy is spent on baking cookies and shopping and planning family get-togethers or finalizing travel plans . . . not to mention practicing for bell choir and the Christmas program and preparing for the taco lunch fundraiser here at Salem . . . in the middle of all of this and more . . . take time to breathe. In and out . . . slowly.

There are some too, for whom this season may hold more pain and sorrow than it does joy. Grief, worry, fear; uncertainty about the future, health concerns, relationship difficulties and many other things don't go away just because 'tis the season.

Take time to care for you . . . your physical self, your emotional self, and your spiritual self. Make it a priority each day to take a few minutes and to breathe in the deep love that God has for you and the saving grace of the child born for the sake of the world . . . for your sake. Know above all, that you are loved beyond measure.

Christmas will come again and again. And the hustle and bustle will always accompany the season. Jesus came once, for all, bearing God's gifts of mercy and love and salvation. You are a beloved child of God, worthy of these gifts by God's gracious and endless love through Jesus Christ.

May God's peace and grace abide in and with you this season and in all the seasons of your life.

Pastor Sue



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Sue Hoff



Just a Little Christmas

Will be presented

by the Salem Lutheran Church

Sunday School Children

Sunday, December 15 at 10:45AM

Let's do LUNCH!!

Sunday, December 15

after the Christmas Program

Happy Joe's Tacos Whitey's Ice Cream Cookies

This is a FREE WILL Offering. A minimum of \$3.00 per person is requested, anything above that would be greatly appreciated. Children 5 and under are free

To help pay for the sound system upgrade.

Thank you to Serenity Circle for sponsoring!

Summary of Church Council Meeting November 17, 2024

Attending: Jon Gustafson, David Long, Nancy Patterson, Deb Kronfeld, Jessica Clark, Kim Luder, Pastor Sue Hoff, Mandy Bergeson, Miranda Luder, Steve Morford

Absent: Camiel VanErstvelde, Becky VanErstvelde

Called to order at 12:06PM

Devotions by David

Minutes were approved via email.

Pastor's Report – RIC, Moline Churches meeting February 9, Vitality Survey,

President's Report – Exercise in visioning

Vice President - Coffee Hour, Photo Directory

Treasurer - Shadow boxes approved, Bonus approved, Budgets for 2025

Secretary - SAVANT update, Boiler Inspection, Congregational Meeting January 26

Committee Reports:

Stewardship – Going to do handouts for pledges - due back December 1

Witness – No report but question about 8:30 service. Budget for accompanist.

Service – No report

Learning – No report

Youth – No report

Worship – No report

Property – Bid passed for BlackHawk Electric with addition of concrete pad. Mandy to contact city regarding fence requirements.

Old Business

New Business

Deb will contact Executive Maintenance about clean / wax / buff kitchen and auditorium floors.

Pastor Sue moved to adjourn, Jessica seconded, Motion passed

Lord's prayer was said

Meeting adjourned at 1:41Pm

Deb Kronfeld

Council Secretary

Youth News

Sunday School starts at 9:45AM

In December, Sunday School children and youth will be practicing for the Christmas program, "Just a Little Christmas". Please try to attend as many practices as you can.

****We will have Dress Rehearsal on Saturday, December 14th from 10-noon AND December 15th at 9:45AM so please mark your calendars.**

"Just a Little Christmas" Christmas Program

Join us on December 15th at 10:45AM for "Just a Little Christmas" Sunday School Christmas Program. This funny Christmas musical is about a group of kids trying to put on a play about the birth of Jesus.

A Christmas TACO Lunch for everyone will follow in the Auditorium. Be sure to bring your friends and family for the program AND the brunch. A freewill offering will be taken during the brunch help support the new sound system in the sanctuary.

****December 22 and 29 – NO Sunday School**

**Overnight was a great success -
Thanks Sally, Miranda, and Monika!**



**26 kids for Jr / Sr Overnight!
What a GREAT turnout!**

Giving Thanks



And then ...



Pie and fellowship



It's beginning to look
a lot like.....



Christmas!





Memorials Received – November 2024

In Loving Memory of Curt Tagtmeier

Given by.....Vas D Arora, Karen Staes

In Loving Memory of Ron Lindgren

Given by.....Darlene Hann, Karen Staes,
Marianne Moore

In Loving Memory of Richard McCurdy

Given by.....Karen Staes

In Loving Memory of Paul Schnell

Given by.....Pete and Linda Davidson,
Karen and Frank Ege, Bonnie Casper

In Loving Memory of Myron Yoeckel

Given by.....Jay and Wendy Morrow,
Linda Graflund, Karen and Frank Ege,
Mike and Jessie Clark, Deb Kronfeld,
Marianne Moore, Bonnie Casper

In Loving Memory of June Piff

Given by.....Linda Graflund, Cathie Anderson,
Pete and Linda Davidson, Karin Martin,
Karen and Frank Ege, Dave and Joan Wrath,
Marianne Moore, Bonnie Casper, Ron Froeschle,
Deb Kronfeld

A message from the family of
June Piff -

We would like to say THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped with the luncheon for June's Celebration of Life. You really went above and beyond to make our family and friends comfortable and welcomed during this time.

Our friends and family all commented on how lovely the luncheon was - many even commented "you used real dishes". It was a celebration and joyous, and we covered making everyone feel welcomed.

A special THANK YOU also to Pastor Sue and Jim Kernan for a wonderful service. It meant so much to us all.

The service and luncheon were a true testament to a life well lived and loved.

Sincerely,
The June Piff Family





Karin Martin	12/6
Jamie Trapkus	12/6
Bobbi Luken	12/11
Caine Wiley	12/11
Joann Anderson	12/13
Michael Clark	12/14
David Luken	12/17
Kaitlin Staes	12/17
Joshua Morrow	12/19
Nancy Patterson	12/19
Tina Lagerquist	12/20
Grace Bergeson	12/21
Greg Geierlein	12/22
Jon Gustafson	12/23
Claudette Swensson	12/24
Marilyn Ausherman	12/26
Seth Kelly	12/27
Zane Roseman	12/28
Andrew Doyle	12/29
Angela DeCook	12/31





all anew
WOMEN OF THE ELCA

SERENITY CIRCLE

will meet Monday, December 2
at 1:00PM in
The Lounge

All ladies of Salem are welcome!

Stewardship Statistics

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	Oct Actual	Oct Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income	\$19,483.10	\$15,564.74	\$160,449.89	\$160,724.08
Expenses	\$20,052.38	\$21,573.25	\$213,491.04	\$234,755.81
Net Income	(\$589.28)	(\$5,918.81)	(\$53,041.15)	(\$74,031.73)

A T T E N D A N C E

Date	Sunday	Public	Private	YouTube	Total
Oct 6	59	83	38	12	192
Oct 13	68	0	44	7	119
Oct 20	63	59	41	11	174
Oct 27	109	66	71	9	255

Acolytes

Duties will be handled by the
Assisting Minister.

Altar Guild / Worship

December 2024

Paraments - Becky VanErstvelde

Communion Set up - Becky / Camiel
VanErstvelde

Greeters - 10:45 Service

Dec 1 Deb Kronfeld
Dec 8 Mandy Bergeson
Dec 15 Rita Gustafson
Dec 22 Camiel VanErstvelde
Dec 24 Darlene Hann
Dec 29 Rick Jones

Assisting Ministers - December 2024

Sunday	Assistant
Dec 1	Jim Kernan
Dec 8	David Long
Dec 15	Cathy Bigelow
Dec 22	Nancy Patterson
Dec 24	Jon Gustafson
Dec 29	Jon Gustafson

Salem Lutheran Church

1724 15th Street
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Worship: Sunday

Fellowship: 9:45am

Service: 10:45

Office Hours:

Monday thru Friday
8:00AM to 12:00PM

Last, But Not Least....



FREE
8 x 10
And
Directory!

Universal Church Directories will be here
Wednesday - Saturday, January 8-11, 2025
To take pictures for our new Phone Directory!

Reservations will be required

Sign-up information will be coming soon

PLEASE NOTE:

Family, friends and the
neighborhood not members of Salem
are eligible for the free 8 x 10, but
they will not be listed in the
directory, or receive one.

