

Winter!

You may be thrilled and exhilarated by it! You may be lukewarm about it...tentative. Or you may really not care for it too much at all in any way, shape or form...no way, no how! Wherever you are on the winter likability scale... it is here!

Wherever you are in this winter season, may you find perspective and peace with your surroundings, with your loved ones and with yourself, through the One born to scatter our despair and bring hope in all things and under all circumstances.



*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to set free those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Luke 4:18-19)*

After reading this text from Isaiah in the temple, Jesus said, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." Love and hope revealed in Christ Jesus by the power of God's Holy Spirit.

Whether you find joy in kicking it up on a ski slope, or by cozying down with a bit of hot chocolate by the fireplace this winter, carry this revelation of love in your heart. There are no weathers that cannot be quelled by the power of our savior. And what on earth may be compared to the grace and mercy given each of us, freely, through our savior Jesus Christ?

Nothing.

Let us carry this in our hearts always, as we weather storms, as we work and play and worship together, as we follow God's call to love and to serve all of God's people. Let us remember that nothing, not one thing, can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Just as we are certain that the seasons follow the seasons, that warm weather follows cold weather follows warm weather...so we are certain that life everlasting follows the season of our lives.

*Grace and peace to you,
Pastor Sue*



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Jessica Clark

STEWARDSHIP
Mandy Bergeson

PASTOR
Sue Hoff



FREE 8 x 10 And Directory!

Universal Church Directories will be here
Wednesday - Saturday, Jan 8-11, 2025

To take pictures for our new
Phone Directory!

Reservations are now being taken

<https://ucdir.com/>

Click on Photography Session Sign-Up

Enter Church Code and Password

Pick your date and time / complete the form

Questions? Contact David Long 309-269-6875

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



Summary of Church Council Meeting December 8, 2024

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

Absent: Camiel VanErstvelde, Kim Luder, Miranda Luder

Called to order at 12:02PM

Devotions by Becky VanErstvelde

Minutes were approved via email.

Pastor's Report – No report

President's Report – Vision Formentioned Theory

Vice President - Church Directory update

Treasurer - Reports coming

Secretary - Computer updated to Windows 11

Committee Reports:

Property – Boiler Inspection, Kitchen, Electrical Backup, Floors, Air Inlet, Roof, Auditorium Ceiling, Balcony painting

Stewardship – More pledges received

Witness – Contacting visitors

Service – No report

Learning – No report

Youth – No report

Worship – Poinsettia pick up 12/21

Old Business

Giving Tube

New Business

ELCA, Worship swap with Trinity, Pastor Josh, Augie Potluck

Becky moved to adjourn, Jessica seconded, Motion passed

Lord's prayer was said

Meeting adjourned at 1:40Pm

Deb Kronfeld

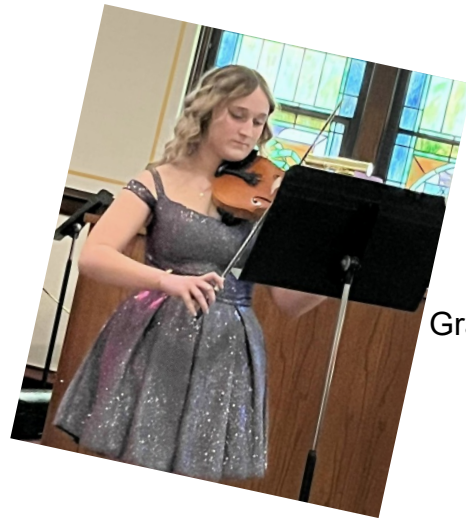
Council Secretary

Youth News

Sunday School starts at 9:45AM



Joseph Morrow



Grace Bergeson

**The youth of
Salem showing
off their
talents!**



Emily Leuck



Emmett Kump

Good job all!!



Boomwhacker Band



Connor Leuck

"Just a Little Christmas"



Thanks to all children, the parents, Sally, Miranda, Monika,
their assistants, Wendy and Laura.
It was a wonderful program!



Elizabeth Otten	1/5
Declan Porter	1/5
Adriana Sabat	1/8
Pastor Sue Hoff	1/9
Catherine Long	1/10
Marti Kernan	1/11
Beth Tagtmeier	1/12
Heather Locander	1/13
Richard Jones	1/14
Tyler Wilburn	1/16
Chase Curry	1/17
Benjamin Klocke	1/17
Sofia Starofsky	1/17
Linda Lundgren	1/19
Howard Findahl	1/20
Jay Morrow	1/21
Catherine Tillberg	1/25
Laurie Figley	1/26
Emma Kelly	1/27
Owen Kump	1/28

IN LOVING
memory

**Memorials Received –
December 2024**

In Loving Memory of Paul Schnell

Given by.....Dick and Margaret Castle, Jim and Marti Kernan, Chris Castle, Bob and Nadyne Stockhecke, Margie Hulsbrink, Melody Schnell, Roger and Linda Lundgren

In Loving Memory of Myron Yoeckel

Given by.....Roger and Linda Lundgren, Cathie Anderson, Jon and Rita Gustafson, David and Patricia Gustafson, Robert and Marilyn Rada, Jim and Marti Kernan, Catherine Bigelow, Steve and Kathy Hotchkiss, David and Bobbi Luken, Dick and Margaret Castle, Jon Whitcomb, Pete and Linda Davidson, Darlene Hann, Mark George, Stewart Clan, Terry and Diane Snipes, Laurie Gray, Nan and Beth Elhofer, Andrew Koresko, Patrick and Connie O'Brien, Carolyn and Krista Reppe, David and Jill George, Susan Kuehl, Jack and Jean Seyller, Carole Bloeser, Jim and Becky Kron, Dana Smith, Nick Basil, Yoeckel Family, Gary Kunz, Mike and Jessie Clark, Claudette Swensson, Anonymous

In Loving Memory of June Piff

Given by.....Roger and Linda Lundgren, Jon and Rita Gustafson, Bob and Nadyne Stockhecke, Jay and Wendy Morrow, Steve and Kathy Hotchkiss, Larry and Cathy Bigelow, Jon Whitcomb, Dick and Margaret Castle, Jim and Marti Kernan, Chris Castle, Loryann Eis, Darlene Hann, Dave and Bobbi Luken, Dave and Kim Luder, Mark Kron, Nancy Clark, Jay Kron, Richard and Kimberly Miers, John and Doree Shewell, Roberta Kozuh, Barbara Desmet, Michael and Mary Brewers, Ronald and Marilyn Sergeant, Carol Weisheit, Jim and Becky Kron, Jerry and Marjorie Froeschle, Bryan and Laurie Stimers, Parker and Debra Brady, Catherine Kessel, Gina Calsyn, Bill and Brenda Engle, Brenda Ellsworth, Mark and Elaine Czerwinski, Jackie and Steve Sottos, Neal and Nancy Lohuis, Joyce Taylor, Claudette Swensson

Stewardship Statistics

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	Nov Actual	Nov Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income	\$17,845.23	\$16,765.44	\$178,295.12	\$177,489.52
Expenses	\$24,372.05	\$19,819.56	\$237,863.09	\$254,575.37
Net Income	(\$6,526.82)	(\$3,054.12)	(\$59,567.97)	(\$77,085.85)

A T T E N D A N C E

Date	Sunday	Public	Private	YouTube	Total
Nov 3	56	39	40	25	160
Nov 10	44	46	32	12	134
Nov 17	61	59	36	11	167
Nov 24	58	43	41	13	155
Nov 26	33	0	0	0	33

Acolytes

Duties will be handled by the
Assisting Minister.

Altar Guild / Worship

January 2025

Paraments - Becky VanErstvelde

Communion Set up - Becky
VanErstvelde

Greeters

Jan 5 Linda Davidson
Jan 12 Suzanne Witcher
Jan 19 Darlene Hann
Jan 26 Deb Kronfeld

Assisting Ministers - January 2025

Sunday	Assistant
Jan 5	Jim Kernan
Jan 12	David Long
Jan 19	Cathy Bigelow
Jan 26	Nancy Patterson

Salem Lutheran Church

1724 15th Street
Moline, IL 61265
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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....

Congregational Meeting
Sunday, January 26, 2025
after worship

Please plan to attend this important meeting as we're going over the budget.
Thank you!