

# Salem Ev. Lutheran Church & School

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## IT ALL COMES FROM GOD!

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**1 Chronicles 1:7** At night God appeared to Solomon and said, “Ask for what I will give you.”

**2 Corinthians 6:16** God said, “I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God and they will be my people.”

How much has God given us? Did you realize that over 40% of the United States population lives in poverty? That means they live on \$18,000 a year or less. Have you had to sleep in your car during a Minnesota winter? Have you gotten up in the morning with no money in your wallet or your bank account? Have you skipped a meal to make sure your children can eat? We have so much! Where did it all come from?

God promised to give Solomon whatever he asked for. Solomon requested wisdom to rule God’s people. God made him the wisest man who ever lived and gave him great wealth and power. God gave those things to Solomon, and he gives us everything we have!

God promised to live with us and walk with us. He did that by giving us his greatest possession—his own Son. Jesus lived with us and walked with us. God gave him so that we could have forgiveness and life. He also promised that whoever believes in Jesus will live forever. When we get to heaven, we’ll get to live with him and walk with him. God gives life!

God also gave us the gift of faith. With that gift, we have the ability to serve him and to help each other. We have treasures—let’s use them to continue supporting the kingdom work here at Salem! We have time—let’s use it to dig deeper into the Word during our Bible study and Sunday school hour. We have talents—there’s plenty of work to do, and we need your help to get it done. God has given us so much. Let’s take the time to give a little bit back!

To God alone the glory! Pastor Jon Brohn

## Actions accomplished at the June 22 & July 20 Church Council Meetings...

**(June 22)**

### **Permission for Building & Grounds to have a "garage sale".**

**MM/S** (Hansen/Enter) Authorize Building and Grounds Committee to conduct a garage sale to clear out unused items in storage. Motion carried.

### **Cement work on School entrance steps.**

The existing steps have deteriorated. The work would consist of removing the steps and installing a handicap accessible ramp to the east school entrance. Materials would not exceed \$3,000 according to Bill Hansen. The labor would be performed by a Salem school parent to offset unpaid tuition.

**MM/S** (Gruetzmacher/not recorded) Authorize Building & Grounds to spend up to \$3,000 for materials to have the steps and ramp installed on the school entrance. Motion carried.

**(July 20)**

### **Another container for storage.**

Bill Hansen discussed that the new classroom for the new teacher displaces our storage room. The lowest cost proposal is to purchase, rather than renting.

**MM/S** (Hansen/Kaminski) Purchase a storage trailer at an estimated cost of \$3,500-\$3,600 for long-term, temporary storage of equipment that is currently stored in the room that is being converted to a classroom. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Tom Meyer

## Parish Notes Available Online and via Email.

The Parish Notes monthly newsletter is now available through the website and email. To sign up to receive the monthly email, go to

<http://www.salemlutheran.org/newsletter>

## Financial Update...

### Weekly Offerings

June 27	\$10,188.85	\$1,068.00 Missions
July 4	\$12,358.00	\$1,466.00 Missions
July 11	\$12,721.00	\$1,022.00 Missions
July 18	\$10,98.25	\$ 784.00 Missions

Offerings needed to meet '09-'10 budget each week

\$14,667.00 & \$1,250.00 Missions

As of July 1, our offerings needed to meet the

'10-'11 budget each week

\$16,076.92 & \$1,250.00 Missions

(2 Corinthians 9:7) Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

**Please use separate checks for offerings other than current & missions. Thanks!**

### Men's Retreat

**Time to start planning for the 2010 Men's Retreat.**

Date and Time: September 17-19, 2010

(Friday evening through Sunday morning)

Location: Beacon Shores Resort, Cross Lake, MN

Theme: Hidden Glory: Christ's Cross, Our Cross

Speaker: Professor Dan Deutschlander

For more information, go to [salemlutheran.org/mens-retreat](http://salemlutheran.org/mens-retreat)

***Look for the insert!***

## **Women's Guild**

Women's Guild has the summer off—They will meet again on Thursday, September 2, at 1:15 pm



## *Altar Guild Update*

Remember to contact the church office if you want to place flowers on the altar!

Sharron Pauley & Jennifer Jewell are the August Crew.

## **Monday Night Services**

**If you are away for the weekend and would like to worship during the week, we have an arrangement with Christ in North St. Paul, who offer Monday Night Services at 7 pm, every Monday, all year round. If you use your offering envelope from Salem, they will send it back to us.**

## **If you want to reach our Pastors...**

Pastor Birkholz can be reached at home, 651-430-2391

by e-mail [mbirkholz@salemlutheran.org](mailto:mbirkholz@salemlutheran.org)

Pastor Brohn can be reached at home, 715-381-1120

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**The Pastors' Church Office Phone Number is 651-439-5465.**

**New Broadcast times from the Cable Company:** We have received new broadcast times for our worship service. The times on Channel 18 are:

Monday – 1 & 7 pm    Tuesday – 7 am  
Wednesday – 4 & 10 pm    Thursday – 10 am

## **Parish Nurse Fund**

We are still collecting for the Parish Nurse Fund. If you would like to donate, please note your donation on your envelope. There are marked envelopes for your donations in the rack in the Narthex. Thanks for your support!

## August Diaper Drive

Once again the Caring Committee will be sponsoring a collection of diapers for the Life Care Center here in Stillwater and our WELS Christian Life Ministries Pregnancy Counseling center in Little Canada. These collections are much appreciated and thanks to you, our drives have always been very successful. We will be starting Sunday, August 1st and ending Sunday August 29th. Please place the diapers in the playpen, which will be in the Narthex. They are asking for sizes newborn, 3,4,5,6 and baby wipes. Thanks for your help in this.

There will be no **Mom's Bible Study** during the summer months (June, July, August), however we would still love to get together for some fun and fellowship. Below are listed some "Playdates in the Park" for anyone who would like to come. We plan to meet around 10am, weather permitting, and stay through lunch. So pack up the kids, pack a lunch and come join us! Any questions, you can contact Jennifer Agen at 651-430-9991/651-246-6373.

**Wednesday, August 11th**- Bayport Park in Bayport  
**Wednesday, August 25th**- Washington Park in Stillwater



## Red Cross Blood Drive

Salem will be hosting a Blood Drive on Monday, August, 16, from 2-7 pm. We are in need of several different things...

1. We will need volunteers to help register people, serve refreshments, etc. (There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex)
2. We will need helpers to call people—if you can help, contact Liz Campbell ASAP—651-351-0350
3. We need donors—especially High School & College age do-



Please keep our members who are serving in the military in your prayers. Brandon Marth, David Zoldan, William Hansen, Jr., and Garrick Miller.

## Committee Meeting Day

The Council decided to streamline operations and have all committee Meetings on the Tuesday prior to their council meeting.

**All of the Committees will have their meetings on  
Tuesday, August 10, at 6:30 pm**

If you would like to be a part of a committee or have an issue to bring up at a meeting, this would be the time to do so.

VBS The Vacation Bible School "*High Seas Expedition*" set sail on June 21 with 105 children from pre-school through grade 5. It was a great high energy, enthusiastic week as children explored the mighty love of God. One marvelous feature was that there were 39 middle school - high schoolers who served as leaders and station helpers. There were an additional 22 adults serving in various roles.

Thank you to everyone who sponsored students or donated items to help offset the cost. It was a memorable experience for everyone who participated. Only *Bethlehem Revisited*" rivals the level of congregation involvement and fellowship. Thank you for supporting this important ministry.

There are still some cd's of the VBS songs and t-shirt decals available for sale. The cd's are \$8.00 each and decals are \$2.00 each.

## **SCRIP**

We will continue to order Scrip cards throughout the Summer months. The schedule will remain the same. Orders will be collected the second and fourth Mondays (in the AM) of the month. Please drop off your completed form and check in the Scrip Lock Box in the narthex as the school office will not be available for drop off during the Summer. Orders will be available for pick-up the Friday following the order. Orders can be picked up in the church office during the week anytime between 7:30AM-2:30PM. If you are not able to pick up your order during these times, special arrangements can be made with me for pick-up.

**We are also excited to announce Acapulco's gift cards** will now be available with every order instead of only the first order of the month. Please continue to support our church and school with your Scrip orders and thank you to those of you who already do! Any questions, please contact Jennifer Agen at 651-430-9991/651-246-6373 or Dee Kane at 651-738-1733/651-248-3772.

## **EFT Contributions are now Available!!**

The Stewardship Committee has made arrangements with Thrivent and their "Simply Giving" program to make available the option of authorizing electronic transfers from your checking/savings account to make your contributions to church. Forms are available in the rack in the Narthex. Forms should be turned into the Church Office. If you have any questions, contact the church office.

## School News

**Summer Schedule** There are a number of important dates to remember for the summer. Those dates are as follows:

Visit with the Teachers: August 11, 2010 5-8 p.m.

Visit with the Teachers: August 19, 2010 12-3p.m.

Welcome Night: August 23, 2010 5:30-7 p.m.

First Day of School K-8: September 1, 2010 9 a.m.

First Day of School 3 yr olds: September 2, 2010 9 a.m.

**Enrollment** We continue to receive enrollment packets for the 2010-2011 school year. If you know of anyone looking for an excellent Christ-centered education, please refer them to the school office! We need you to help promote our school!

**School Theme for 2010-2011** is: "Grow on the Rock" which is based on Psalm 18:2. You should start to see some of the logos around school in the next week or so!

**Good News for Mr. Snodie:** Mr. Snodie was able to complete his master's requirement of a public organ recital on Friday July 2, 2010 at Concordia University in Mequon, Wisconsin! Congratulations!

**Painting day:** On August 2 and 3, the school hallways will get a fresh coat of paint. We will start each day at 9 a.m. and hopefully will get everything done during that time. Anyone who can paint, tape, touchup or cleanup is welcome to come and help!

**MNSAA Update:** The 2009-2010 report to MNSAA was sent to MNSAA headquarters on June 15, 2010. There were some areas we will continue to work on for the next 2-3 years. God-willing they will accept our report and approve Salem Lutheran School for another year!

**Student Teachers are coming:** This fall, Mrs. Hansen and I will be guiding a student teacher from MLC. As soon as we get firm dates as to when they will be here, I will ask for volunteers to house the students while they do their work at Salem.

Have a blessed summer!



Keep Saving Campbell soup labels and General Mills Box Tops for education for our school. Thanks!

Do You Need Help or Know of Someone Who Needs Help With Meals?

We have several ladies who are willing to prepare meals for anyone who needs some help. If you or someone you know just had a baby,



or is recovering from an illness or just needs a little help with cooking for a while, please contact Janet Rider (651-439-0584, [jarider@earthlink.net](mailto:jarider@earthlink.net)) or Barb Miller (651-779-9581, [mamiller99@earthlink.net](mailto:mamiller99@earthlink.net)).

Thanks to all who got things from the garage sale. We received \$270 in donations for the items that went.

Look for Sunday school registration & teaching/volunteer opportunities in this newsletter...

# Worship Helpers      August, 2010

<b>Ushers</b>	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>9:30 am</u>
August 1	Knefelkamp Team	Loss Team
August 7	Lake Family	
August 8	Crowder Team	Koester Team
August 14	Gruetzmacher Family	
August 15	Plattner Team	Wohlers Team
August 21	Gruetzmacher Family	
August 22	Knefelkamp Team	Raleigh Team
August 28	Sinclair Family	
August 29	Crowder Team	Koester Team

<b>Vestrymen</b>	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>9:30 am</u>
August 1	D Knefelkamp	G Galler
August 8	T Kopel	J Wohlers
August 15	V Crowder	J Beaudry
August 22	D Knefelkamp	J Wohlers
August 29	T Kopel	J Beaudry

## **Communion Helpers**

August 7	K Lillo
August 21	M Koester

<b>Greeters</b>	<u>8 am</u>	<u>9:30 a.m.</u>
August 1	Roger & Leeann Zoldan	Joe & Cynthia Covelli
August 8	Al Sehloff	George & Diane Light
August 15	Len & Karen Diethert	Bruce, Ann, & Hunter Gutzke
August 22	Terry & Sheryl Graf	Eunice Rosenow
August 29	Gerald & Jan Ulrich	Diane Miller

## **Video Taping Crew**

August 1	Joe Covelli
August 8	Quentin Johnson
August 15	Gary LeMay & Judy Zoldan
August 22	Mark & Nancee Prchal
August 29	Joe Covelli

Thanks For All Your Help!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8 am Worship 9:30 am Worship	2	3 10 am Bible Support Group 6:15 pm Gun Safety	4 <b>6:30 am Men's Bible Study</b>	5 6:15 pm Gun Safety 7 pm Prison Ministry	6	7 5 pm Communion
8 8 am Communion 9:30 am Communion	9 SCRIP Orders are Due	10 10 am Bible Support Group 6:15 pm Gun Safety 6:30 pm Council Committee Meetings	11 <b>6:30 am Men's Bible Study</b> Meet the Teachers 5-8 pm	12 6:15 pm Gun Safety 7 pm Prison Ministry	13 Wedding Rehearsal	14 11 am Verke/DeLorme Wedding 5 pm Worship
15 8 am Worship 9:30 am Worship	16 Red Cross Blood Mobile 2-7 pm in Gym 6:30 pm Vision Mtg	17 10 am Bible Support Group 6:15 pm Gun Safety 6:30 pm Church Council	18 <b>6:30 am Men's Bible Study</b>	19 Meet the Teachers noon-3 pm 6:15 pm Gun Safety 7 pm Prison Ministry	20	21 5 pm Communion Contemporary
22 8 am Communion 9:30 am Communion 11 am FOC Commissioning Service	23 SCRIP Orders are Due School Welcome Night 5:30 pm	24 10 am Bible Support Group 6:15 pm Gun Safety	25 <b>6:30 am Men's Bible Study</b>	26 7 pm Prison Ministry	27	28 5 pm Worship
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