

Salem Lutheran Ministries m e s s e n g e r



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Sunday Morning Worship

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Sunday School

9:15 am

Adult Bible Classes

9:30 am

Cristo Para Todos Worship Service

10:30 am

October Happenings

Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat



From Pastor Krause...

Experiencing the Joy of Generosity!

This Sunday we will begin a three-week stewardship emphasis titled *Experiencing the Joy of Generosity*. This will be an exciting and beneficial three weeks of sermon messages and lay presentations. We believe this program will be a blessing to those who already are experiencing the joy of being generous with the gifts God has given to them, and we hope and pray that this effort will help many more experience the joy that comes from giving faithfully and generously.

When we give to God through giving to our church and others, we experience one of the true joys of being Christians. Jesus said, *"It is more blessed to give than to receive"* (Acts 20:35). God doesn't need our gifts, but he asks us to give them. God accepts and uses them and gives us joy in sharing them. As we respond to God's love for us by giving back to him part of what he's given to us, he reacts by giving us even more. *"Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you"* (Luke 6:38). Although we don't give so that we will receive God's blessings, God's Word promises us that, when we give faithfully and willingly, we will receive an abundance of spiritual blessings and, for some, material blessings as well.

Have you ever wondered why you are left with such a joyful feeling when you are able to give a gift to your church or to help a person in need? The answer to that question may be rooted in us as Christians who are being recreated in the image of God. To be made in God's image means we are made to be like him whose nature is to give. Giving helps us feel fulfilled as we reflect God's nature. Although the image of God was lost by sin, as those converted by faith in Jesus, we *"have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator"* (Colossians 3:10). Our Creator empowers us to give joyfully to our church and others according to his will. With this attitude of joyful gratitude, God keeps us close to him, and others see his image through us.

Our pursuit for fulfillment and joy culminates in the discovery that we receive those things when, by God's grace, we respond with eagerness to God's directive to give. Like David, we exclaim, *"But who [are we]...that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we give you"* (1 Chronicles 29; 14).

We hope and pray that the emphasis *Experiencing the Joy of Generosity* will be a blessing to you and your family!

In Christ's love,

Pastor Mark

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Adult Bible Studies

Sunday Morning Bible Study begins at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Studies led by Pastor Krause and Dan Bierwagen, meeting in the Fellowship Hall and a classroom.

Children's Sunday School Classes begin at 9:15am.

The **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** meets at 9:30am and is studying the **Book of Mark**.

The **Men's Bible Study Group** meets on Wednesday mornings at 7:30 in the Meeting Room. They are studying the **Book of Romans**. Led by Pastor Krause.

The **Women's Bible Study Group** meets each Wednesday at 9:15am in the Meeting Room. They are studying the DVD "**Overflowing Abundance**".

Our Neighbor's Faith will meet on November 20th at 5:00pm. Place TBA.

Rockies (Campus Ministry) meets each Wednesday evening at 6:30pm, Rockhouse in Fayetteville.

Twice Fed will meet on Tuesday, November 15, at 9:30am to watch the movie "**The Reckoning**".

Bible Studies and Other Topics

Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study



They meet on Wednesdays at 9:15am. Their Bible study is the DVD study "**Overflowing Abundance**" by Donna Pyle.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study



The **Tuesday Morning Bible Study Group** meets at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Their study is based on the **Book of Mark**.

Contact Bert Neely if questions.

Twice Fed—"The Reckoning"

"Kindness won't get in the way, it keeps coming back". Don't miss this long awaited conclusion.



The Reckoning – The Powerful Conclusion to *The Shunning* and *The Confession!*

Katie Mayfield is now the mistress of Mayfield Manor, the estate passed down from her birth mother. In her new world she finds solace in honoring her mother's memory and in love with Justin Wirth, the Director of her foundation.

Katie finds herself torn between two worlds and grieves for her plain Amish life. Unknown to Katie, Daniel Fisher, her lost love, makes a desperate attempt to find her. Does Katie choose her new life or the simple heritage she left behind? This is her great reckoning.

Plan to watch this movie on Tuesday, November 15th at 9:30am in the Family Life Center. Discussion and refreshments follow the movie.

Bilingual Service and Potluck



Let us give thanks!

Plan to join us for a special bilingual worship service at 10:30am on Sunday, November 20th, in the church. Following the service will be a wonderful joint Thanksgiving potluck with Salem and Cristo Para Todos. The turkeys will be provided but we will need 6 people to cook and carve them. Drinks and table service will be provided. (Pick up of the turkeys will be Thursday, Nov. 17th.) We ask that each family bring two dishes to share, if possible, such as: salads, vegetables, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, stuffing/dressing, green beans/green bean casserole, cranberry sauce, rolls, pies, etc. Watch for a sign-up sheet.

Let's make this a wonderful multicultural fellowship meal! If questions, call Darlene at the Church Office.

Christmas Cantata



It's coming! Salem Lutheran Choir and friends of St. Thomas Episcopal Choir will present a special Christmas Cantata, "I Hear the Prophet Callin", on Wednesday, December 14th, 7:00pm, here at Salem. Be watching for more information to come.

Time Change

Daylight-saving time ends

- Turn your clock back one hour tonight before going to bed.
- It's also time to change batteries in your smoke detectors.



Don't forget to change your clocks on Sunday morning, November 6, at 2:00am ("fall" back one hour). You don't want to be an hour early for church.

Other News

LWML NEWS AND NOTES FOR NOVEMBER 2016



A **BIG THANK YOU TO LADONNA WHITE** for making the beautiful banner for LWML Sunday on October 2, 2016. She is so generous with her time and talent each year to make our banner!

Salem LWML was pleased to welcome 35 to the Fall Rally from around the NWAR area churches. We wish to thank Pastor Krause for presenting the inspiring opening devotion, Pastor Martin for presenting the thought-provoking Bible Study and Vicar Franco for sharing his journey to becoming a Pastor. Another big thank you goes to Cristo Para Todos ladies for preparing and serving our delicious lunch. All in attendance certainly enjoyed the colorful dancing. Thank you dancers!

At the October meeting 58 Health Kits were assembled for Lutheran World Relief. Salem is again a designated pick-up site for area churches' quilts, Health Kits, etc. to be sent on to Lutheran World Relief to be distributed to those around the world. This will take place Friday, November 5, from 9:30AM to 3:00PM and Saturday, 9:00AM to 1:00PM. If you can help load items into the truck and with paperwork, please let Freda Piazza know. Manpower will be needed.

The recipe this month is **Lois Douthit's Taco Soup**. This is one of the soups we serve at Advent meals and is always well received. You will want to have the ingredients in your pantry for a "go to quick fix" meal. It is so satisfying and perfect for meals for this Fall and Winter season!

LOOKING AHEAD:

Next Meeting—November 8, 2016, 5:30pm

Youth Meal— November 9, 2016

Advent Meal—December 7, 2016

TACO SOUP

- 1 lb. ground beef or turkey
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 pkg. taco seasoning mix
- 1 pkg. dry ranch dressing mix
- 1 28 oz. can pinto beans
- 1 15 oz. can chili beans
- 1 28 oz. can stewed or crushed tomatoes
- 1 15 oz. can whole kernel corn
- 1 13 oz. can Ro-tel tomatoes

Brown meat and onion, drain if needed.
Stir in taco seasoning and ranch dressing mixes.
Add rest of ingredients, undrained.

Add water (amount of your choosing) if juice from canned goods is not enough.

Stir and let simmer for 1 hour on top of stove or several hours (7 or 8 on low; 4 on high) in crock pot.

Enjoy with toppings of your choice!

Rockhouse—Campus Ministry



The "Rockies" meet each Wednesday evening at 6:30pm at the Rockhouse in Fayetteville. They begin with dinner, followed with Bible study. They are studying the **Book of Mark**.

Retreat—CEDAR LODGE, Bella Vista, 18 Mason Lane, Bella Vista AR—More information on page 7...

We need your help to supply meals for the school year. If you would be interested, please call Lori Smith at 841-7934.



Juan Moscoso—Columbia Taylor Snider— Harrison, AR



Jack—Sleepy Hollow, NY Becca Mader—Kansas City



Welcome new Rockies!!

Blend Frangu—Kosovo



Baby Shower

All ladies are invited to a baby shower for
Kristin Hatton
Sunday,
November 6,
from 2:00 to 4:00pm
in the
Salem Lutheran Fellowship Hall

Kristin and Jason are having
a little girl
and are registered at:
Wal-Mart, Target,
and Amazon.com

Hostesses are:
Marilyn Bierwagen, Ruth Burnett, Darlene Diercouff, Rose Krause,
Joy Martin, Gladys Rosales-Franco, Martha Atkinson,
and
Gabby Velasco-Santos



Faith Comes By Hearing

God's Word for Every Person – offering hope to nearly 6 billion people through Bible recordings in 921 languages. During the month of November, Salem Lutheran Ministries will be asking you to express your appreciation for our service members by providing them with a Military BibleStick. Please check out the insert in your Sunday announcements for more information, fill it out with your check and place in the offering or on Darlene's desk. For whatever amount we donate, it will be matched.



Congregational Meeting



A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, November 13th, at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. We will be voting on approving the refinancing of our mortgage. All voting members are asked to be in attendance.

Worship Themes for November



Sunday, November 6—*“The Joy of Receiving God’s Blessings”*

This Sunday we begin our stewardship emphasis *“Experiencing the Joy of Generosity.”* We hope and pray that you will be blessed by the three weeks of sermon messages and worship. Joy is a beautiful word that seems to bring a smile in saying it. As God’s people, we know that Jesus is the source of our joy. We have the deep and abiding joy of being loved by God through Jesus. King David wrote, *“You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore”* (Psalm 16:11). Our stewardship emphasis will encourage us to experience the joy that God gives us through our generosity in sharing with others and extending his kingdom. In the words of Rev. Robert Schnase: *“Through our generosity, God can do extraordinary things. Through our giving, God changes lives, and in changing them, transforms us. The practice of generosity describes the Christian’s unselfish willingness to give in order to make a positive difference for the purposes of Christ.”*

1 Chronicles 29:10-14

(“But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.”)

1 Corinthians 4:1-7

(Extreme servanthood involves faithful stewardship)

Luke 19:1-10

(Zacchaeus received faith, salvation, and the gift of generosity)

Sunday, November 13—*“The Joy in Managing God’s Blessings.”*

Today is the second week in our stewardship emphasis *“Experiencing the Joy of Generosity.”* Our theme for today is *“The Joy in Managing God’s Blessings.”* As God’s stewards, we are to manage faithfully the time, talents, and money that God has entrusted to us. Through faith, we understand that all that we are and have are gifts by God’s grace in Jesus. To express our gratitude, we manage our blessings in ways that give our Lord praise and honor.

We hope and pray that these worship services and Bible study opportunities will help you draw closer to God and will help you understand the importance of following God’s plan for managing your blessings.

2 Chronicles 1:7-12

(To Solomon...therefore wisdom and knowledge will be given you. And I will also give you wealth, possessions and honor, such as no king who was before you ever had and none after you will have.)

2 Thessalonians 3:6-15

(Warning Against Idleness - In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle.)

Matthew 25:14-30

(Jesus’ Parable of the Talents calls the disciple community to trustful obedience in its imaginative and confident use of the master’s resources while it waits for the return of the Son of Man.)

Sunday, November 20—*“The Joy of Sharing God’s Blessings”*

This is the third and final week of our *Experiencing the Joy of Generosity* stewardship emphasis. This week’s theme is *“The Joy of Sharing God’s Blessings.”* God wants our giving and sharing to be joyful and fulfilling. How could we not be joyful when the creator of the universe chooses us to be his stewards who care for his creation and his gifts to us? How could we not want to express our gratitude through our faithful and joyful giving? Our generosity flows out of our understanding that God has created and redeemed us. In spite of our sinful ways, God loves us and calls us each by name. By God’s grace, we can live as forgiven and redeemed people through the blood of Jesus on the Cross.

Exodus 36:2-7

(The people gave more than enough.)

2 Corinthians 8:1-7

(Encouragement to give generously)

Luke 10:25-37

(The Good Samaritan)

Sunday, November 27—*“Your King Is Coming” - First Sunday in Advent*

What do we do when an important guest is coming over to visit? We clean the house, prepare the dinner menu, put on nice clothes, and do many other things in anticipation. Beginning a new Church Year is also a time of getting ready. We prepare ourselves not to welcome just any important guest though, but once again to welcome the King—our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who comes in the flesh to His people. No matter our housecleaning, dinner plans, wardrobe, or anything else, the most important preparation we are called to is a readiness of our hearts and minds. This Advent season is a time of preparation—to prepare ourselves to welcome Him who came humbly as a king by earthly standards, yet the King we welcome by faith as Savior and Lord. More than that, we continually prepare ourselves in repentant joy to receive Him who humbly yet powerfully still comes to us in Word and Sacrament by His Holy Spirit.

ROCKHOUSE RETREAT

FRI. P.M., NOV. 11–SUN. A.M., NOV. 13

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN ATTEND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT BEFORE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7! WE MUST PLAN FOR FOOD, ETC.

ARRIVE BY 5:30 TO SETTLE IN AND CHOOSE YOUR BED! MALES AND FEMALES HAVE SEPARATE WINGS AND BATHS, OF COURSE. BRING SWIMWEAR!

PLEASE CARPOOL, IF POSSIBLE, AS PARKING IS VERY LIMITED. WE'LL BEGIN WITH SUPPER AT 6:00, THEN HAVE OUR FIRST BIBLE STUDY, THEN REHEARSE OUR CHRISTMAS CAROL PROGRAM. SATURDAY WILL BE FULL OF FUN—SINGING, STUDY, PLAY...AND THREE MEALS.

SUNDAY MORNING WE'LL HAVE BREAKFAST, A SHORT DEVOTIONAL, AND LEAVE BY 9:00 A.M.

ALL YOU NEED TO BRING IS YOUR PERSONAL ITEMS AND CLOTHING. THE COST IS \$25, BUT IF THAT IS A PROBLEM, ROCKHOUSE WILL COVER IT.

Estate Planning Information Sessions Coming Sunday, November 6



Do you have a plan to pass on your financial gifts to the people and ministries you love?

A special information event coming to our area will focus on how **proper estate planning** can help maximize your financial legacy and reduce unnecessary tax consequences. During these sessions, Paul Reaves (*Gift Planning, Mid-South District, LCMS*) will share how ministry can be an important part of your estate plan, while respected local estate planning attorney Lisa Reeves will cover the key points of constructing an effective plan.

Please make plans to attend one of these “**Leaving a Legacy**” sessions on:

Sunday, November 6

Bella Vista Lutheran (1990 Forest Hills Blvd. / Bella Vista 72715)

12:00 p.m. - *Lunch Provided*

Holy Trinity Lutheran (1101 W. Hudson / Rogers 72756)

3:30 p.m. - *Light Refreshments*

Please reserve your seat by November 2 by contacting the Mid-South District Office:

rmcelwain@mid-southlcms.com or 866.373.1343, ext. 3107

Pastoral Leadership Presentation in Mexico City



Rose and I are excited about our opportunity to present the Pastoral Leadership program to Lutheran pastors in Mexico City, November 12-18. The pastoral leadership program is a four-year program for pastors and their wives to help develop the gifts of the pastor and his wife to better serve their congregation in the development of a strategic plan for ministry and mission. We ask that you keep this opportunity in your prayers. It is our hope that they will, along with many other Lutheran churches in the world, choose this leadership program. If you would like to help us cover the cost of this trip, which will be approximately \$2,000, it would be greatly appreciated. Checks may be written to Salem with a note saying it is for the Mexico Mission Trip. Thanks much for your consideration. Please talk to Pastor Krause if you have any questions. Look forward to a special presentation when we return.

Servant Event to Latvia in August 2017



Pastor and Rose would love to take a small group to Latvia, August 2017. Pastor Artis Eglitis and his wife Helena will be our hosts at the Riverbend Retreat Center in Cesis, Latvia. The retreat center is an old building that has a long history as a Soviet style orphanage. Parts of the building have been remodeled as a dorm style retreat center, but considering the age of the building, there is still much work to be done to restore the building. We are planning to help present a training opportunity for future children's ministry leaders and also do a number of work projects that will be arranged by Artis.

Here is a possible schedule:

Monday, July 24: fly to Riga

Tuesday, July 25: Arrive early afternoon to spend evening and night in Old Town Riga.

Wednesday, July 26: Explore Old Town Riga with its many historic buildings, museums, and fantastic shops. We will spend time in one of their big beer gardens.

Thursday, July 27: Motor Coach 4.5 hour ride to Tallinn, Estonia. Spend afternoon, evening and night in this historic walled city. Fantastic places to eat and shop.

Friday, July 28:: Return in late afternoon to Riga.

Saturday, July 29: Bus to Cesis late afternoon. Slasliks BBQ. Spend night at Retreat Center

Sunday, July 30: Worship at one of Pastor Artis' congregations. Meet the Latvians working with us for the servant event that evening.

Monday – Friday noon, July 31-August 4

Friday, August 4: afternoon back to Riga. Celebrate our last night in Riga.

Saturday, August 5: Fly out of Riga to wherever you want to go in Europe or back to America.

Rose and I will host an information meeting in January. More information about cost etc. will be presented at that time. Please let us know as soon as possible if you might be interested.

Salem Marriage Retreat Early Next Year



Pastor and Rose would like to help host a marriage enrichment weekend retreat early next year at a retreat center or a hotel. We have the materials to present, but we will need help from maybe a couple or two to help with the logistics of finding a place to have the retreat, etc. Please talk to Pastor or Rose if you may want to help or if you have any suggestions.

For Direct TV Users



LCMS Program:

TCT Network—Channel 377

“Worship for Shut-Ins”

Sundays at 10:30am

Filmed at the Lutheran Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana

Truly Thankful Deuteronomy 8:10-18



I enjoy the time of Thanksgiving worship when the congregation joins in singing,

Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied:
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest home.

-Henry Alford

As appropriate as that is, could it be deceiving? We can enjoy the congregational feeling and singing but miss the importance of being truly thankful.

Moses reminded Israel, "When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands...But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth" (Deut. 8:10-11, 18, NIV). If we are thankful, we may sing, but we will certainly adhere to God's teachings and remember that God is the Source of our strength, our skills, and our material blessings.

Project Compassion

Prayers are powerful
Read Philippians 4: 6 & 13
Open on Wednesday 9:00 to 11:30 am to serve others
Jesus is our Savior
Everyone is our neighbor
Christ paid the price
Thanks to everyone who supports Project Compassion
Cast all our cares on Jesus. Psalm 55:22
Only Jesus can give us new life
Many do not worship our Lord
Praying we do His will
Assisted 83 people in October
Sharing Jesus and self to hurting families
Serving Him alone
I will repent for all my sins daily
Our blessings outweigh all our challenges
Now is the time to serve, thank, and praise Him

October was a very busy month. We thank God for the opportunities Salem has to help with many emergency needs to families, but most of all to be able to witness to them.

In His Service,
Billie, Marion, Jill, Elizabeth, Project Compassion Team

Thanksgiving Baskets



We now have the applications ready for families who need food for Thanksgiving. Thanks to all of you for your support. Without this, Project Compassion could not do this. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is donating 30 turkeys for this meal. We will need help to sack all the food donated and purchased. If you can help, please come on Thursday, November 17th, at 4:30pm. Also, if anyone can come on Friday, the 18th, from 10:00am till 1:00pm to help distribute the sacks to families, that would be wonderful. Just let one of the team or Darlene know.

Food items needed for the Thanksgiving baskets are: instant potatoes, canned yams (sweet potatoes), cranberry sauce, gravy mix, canned vegetables, powdered milk, stuffing mix, canned fruit, etc. We will also give out frozen pies and rolls. Monetary gifts are also welcome.

Robyn Porter and crew will set up the Thanksgiving display in the lobby area on Friday, November 4th, around 9:00am. Food may be brought any time and placed around the display, in front of the pantry door or in the wagon in the FLC on Sundays.

Salem Lutheran School News



The month of November is a month when we think of the great blessings God has richly bestowed upon us.

Our annual Sock Hop in October was very well-attended and well-received. There were over 175 children, parents and siblings who attended and a rockin' good time was had by all! We thank God for being so good to us.

Following is a list of upcoming events for our school:

Tuesday, November 15 – Those who ordered pies from us during October are asked to pick up their orders sometime between 2:30-5:00 pm.

November 6-14 – **School Silent Auction.** Congregation members will have the opportunity to see what is up for auction either during weekly activities or on Sunday mornings. Be watching for all the baskets of goodies to be on display. **We are still looking for items to be donated,** volunteer service to be offered, and people who are willing to purchase the items. Contact the school office if you would like any information about the auction.

November 24-25 – School will be closed for Thanksgiving vacation.

December 6 – Three year old Christmas Program in the church 7pm

December 8 – Four year old Christmas Program in the church 7pm

Chapel offerings from October will be sent to help a child in Manipur, India be able to attend a Christian school for their 2017 school year. It will help to purchase school uniform, shoes, books, tuition and other materials needed.



More families from our church and school are now participating in the SCRIP program. Thank you! If you are not and would like more information on how you can join in the fun, please contact Kris in the school office. **We appreciate this support!**

Please remember us for all your holiday shopping needs!

In Christ's love,

Kris Busch

Sock Hop 2016



District Town Hall Meeting



A District Town Hall Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 10th, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Rogers, 6:30pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

Serving Salem this Month . . . November

Altar

Altar Guild
8:00

Freda Piazza, Lois Douthit

10:30

Star Iglesias

Altar Linens
Susan Faulk

Greeters

8:00 Kay Danley

Communion Assistants

8:00 Dan Bierwagen and Chris Clark

Ushers

8:00 Tom Smith, Mike Wilson, Mike Cooper,
Bob Smith

Arise Service Helper

Team: Jason Hatton

Flowers

Stand #1 Stand #2 Piano

6th
13th
20th
27th Hoff

6th Col. William Myers
13th Carl Johnson
20th Don Williams
27th Lois Douthit

Scripture Readers - 8:00am

Financial Report—September 2016

General Fund

Beginning Balance	\$	4,710.25
Income	+	<u>75,514.76</u>
		80,215.01
Expenses	-	<u>71,510.14</u>
Ending Balance	\$	8,704.87

Special Accounts

Beginning Balance	\$	18,624.46
Income	+	<u>17,548.04</u>
		36,172.50
Expenses	-	<u>19,758.69</u>
Ending Balance	\$	16,413.81

LCEF Accounts (Investments)

Beginning Balance	\$	28,864.74
Income	+	<u>0.48</u>
		28,865.22
Expenses	-	<u>14.53</u>
Ending Balance	\$	28,850.69

Mortgage Principle Balance \$ 325,951.20

Cristo Para Todos Account

Account Closed 4/16

LCEF Loan Principal Balance \$ 35,128.39

Wells Fargo Endowment Fund

Beginning Balance	\$	60,008.37
Income	+	<u>0.45</u>
		\$ 60,008.82
Transfer to GF	-	<u>12,625.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$	47,383.82

Eggnog and Cookie Extravaganza



As the holidays are just around the corner, it's time to plan to come to the choir's cantata concert and then enjoy our newest tradition: THE EGGNOG AND COOKIE EXTRAVAGANZA afterward. We need lots of cookies for this. If you can bring cookies, let Dan Bierwagen know. This will take place on December 14th.

If you are involved in the music production and would like to participate, just let Dan Bierwagen know that you will bring your favorite holiday cookies or baked goods for others to enjoy. Hope to see everyone there.

Salem Celebrates!

Birthdays for November

Jay Dene Brannon III	11/1
Rick Hawes	11/1
Ofelia Arriaga-Gordillo	11/1
Jim Atkinson	11/2
Dorothy Boness	11/6
Tom Calhoun	11/6
Victor Lewis	11/6
Melissa Lindeman	11/7
Rich Smith	11/7
Shane Sutton	11/8
Jorge González	11/10
Sharon Owens	11/10
Beverly Pfaffinger	11/10
Michael Atkinson	11/11
Martha Atkinson	11/12
Jason Hatton	11/12
Katie Owens	11/12
Jose Umaña	11/13
Jose Umaña, Jr.	11/13
Nancy Allor	11/13
Alan Buttram, Jr.	11/13
Zac Smith	11/14
Judie Branson	11/15
Scott Thomas Porter	11/17
Yojany Pacherras-Smith	11/17
Marty Burnett	11/18
James Drittler	11/18
Bryan Gordley	11/18
Cedar Livingston	11/18
Sophie Nelson	11/18
Sebastian Gordillo	11/18
Bert Neely	11/19
Ella Nelson	11/19
Bea Estes	11/20
Carlos Osorio	11/21
Jessica Olson	11/21
Eduardo Hernandez, Jr.	11/23
Mike Lindeman	11/23
Laisha González	11/25
Shannon Robbins	11/25
Pat George	11/26
John Stewart	11/27
Brad Mussen	11/28
Jack Sutton	11/28
Adalid Nava	11/29
Jacob Boucher	11/29
Christian Iglesias	11/30

Baptism Birthdays for November

Virginia Detmer	11/1
Kim Valdez	11/1
Heath Grayson	11/4
Margaret Lee	11/8
Harley Tetzlaff	11/11
Easton Combs	11/12

Marjorie Hubbs	11/12
Eli Combs	11/14
Zoe Erickson	11/14
Marilyn Bierwagen	11/15
Amber Lacewell	11/15
Walter Krisnowich	11/19
Rick Hawes	11/20
Charlotte Milligan	11/23
Lori Blackwell	11/24
Brian Diercouff	11/25
Jay Dene Brannon III	11/28
Dorothy Boness	11/29
Dawn Gage	11/29
Ella Nelson	11/30

Wedding Anniversaries for November

Brandon and Andrea Gordley
11/2/2013—3 years

Chris and Jenna Clark
11/8/2008—8 years

Larry and Nelva House
11/11/1989—27 years

Rev. Brandon and Joy Martin
11/19/2005—11 years

Bert and Regina Neely
11/21/1985—31 years

Richard and Susan Faulk
11/26/1971—45 years

Wayne and Julie Hoff
11/28/1980—36 years

Our Church Family

Directory Changes

No changes at this time.

Fall Festival Photo Booth



Armed Services List

The following members, friends, and family members continue to serve in Iraq, Afghanistan and other areas. We, as their church family, want to continue to uphold them and their families in prayer. As we pray for peace, please also remember all the service men and women serving throughout the world.

Aaron Bohannon—at Ft. Hood

Jesse Pointer—grandson of Nancy Allor—in Afghanistan

Trent Keyes—son-in-law of Mike and Kim Cooper—at home

Paul Ostrowski—brother of Diane Border—in Afghanistan

Prayer List

Each month, the Men's Bible Study prays for six Salem Lutheran Ministries families/friends. The families chosen for November are:

Sheena Owens

King Dixon, Kinley Dixon

Ben & Yojany Pacherres-Smith

Oscar Sanchez, Rachell Sanchez-Smith

Brad & Yanira Patrick

Jonathan

Beverly Pfaffinger

Kurt & Lisa Pfitzinger

Kyle, Sarah

Linda Phillips

Please join the Men's Bible Study Group in saying prayers for these families.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Each Sunday Traditional Service w/Communion 8:00 Praise Band Practice 8:00 Sunday School 9:15 Bible Study Classes 9:30 Cristo Service w/Communion 10:30 Arise Service w/Communion 10:30 Discovery Class 12:00 High School Ministry 6:00		1 Chapel 8:30 Bible Study 9:30 Soccer 6:00 Handbells 6:30 Elders Team 6:30 Choir 7:15	2 Fresh Start 7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 Project Compassion 9:00 Youth Night Meal 5:30 Class for Kdg.-Conf. and Gym for 7th and up 6:00 Rockies 6:30 Class for 7th and up and Gym for Kdg.—Conf. 7:00	3 Women's Soccer 2:00—4:00 Cristo Para Todos Praise Band Practice 5:30 Soccer 6:30 ESL 7:00	4 Set up for Thanksgiving Display 9:00 Care Van 9:00—1:00 Women's Soccer 2:00—4:00	5 Keepers of the House 8:00 Care Van 9:00—1:00 Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing 1:00—5:00pm
6 25th Sunday after Pentecost Daylight Saving Time Ends (Fall back one hour) Event Planning Team 12:00 Estate Planning at Bella Vista Lutheran 12:00 Baby Shower for Kristin Hatton 2:00—4:00 Estate Planning at Holy Trinity Lutheran 3:30 (Same as Each Sunday)	7 School Silent Auction Begins Women's Soccer 2:00—4:00—Field ESL 7:00	8 Election Day Chapel 8:30 Bible Study 9:30 LWML 5:30 Soccer 6:00 Handbells 6:30 Choir 7:15	9 Fresh Start 7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 Project Compassion 9:00 Women's Bible Study 9:15 Youth Night : Meal 5:30 Class for Kdg.-Conf. and Gym for 7th and up 6:00 Rockies 6:30 Class for 7th and up and Gym for Kdg.—Conf. 7:00	10 Martin Luther's Birthday, 1483 Women's Soccer 2:00—4:00—Field Praise Band Practice 5:30 Soccer 6:30 District Town Hall Meeting—Holy Trinity, Rogers 6:30 ESL 7:00	11 Veteran's Day Women's Soccer 2:00—4:00—Field Rockies Retreat Cedar Lodge, Bella Vista 5:30 Jr. High Retreat 5:30	12 Pastor and Rose In Mexico City through the 18th Jr. High Retreat Rockies Retreat
13 26th Sunday after Pentecost Project Compassion Sunday Rockies Retreat Jr. High Retreat Congregational Meeting 9:30 (Same as last Sunday)	14 Silent Auction Ends Newsletter Deadline (Same as 7th)	15 Pie Pick Up Day (2:30—5:00) Chapel 8:30 Bible Study 9:30 (Lunch afterwards) Circuit Pastor's Conference 9:30 Soccer 6:00 Handbells 6:30	16 (Same as 9th) Family Advent Event 6:15—FLC	17 Women's Soccer 2:00—4:00 Thanksgiving Basket Set Up 4:30 Praise Band Practice 5:30 Soccer 6:30 ESL 7:00	18 Thanksgiving Basket Distribution 10:00—1:00	19
20 Christ the King Sunday Bilingual Service 10:30 Thanksgiving Potluck 12:00 Our Neighbor's Faith (Same as Each Sunday) 5:00 _____ 27 First Sunday of Advent (Same as Each Sunday)	21 (Same as 7th) _____ 28 (Same as 3rd) Property Team 6:30	22 Chapel 8:30 Twice Fed 9:30 Soccer 6:00 Handbells 6:30 Choir 7:15 _____ 29 (Same as 22nd)	23 Childcare Only Prayer Breakfast 7:30 Women's Bible Study 9:15 NO Project Compassion NO Youth Night NO Rockies Thanksgiving Eve Worship 7:00 _____ 30 (Same as 9th) Youth Night: Meal 5:30 Bilingual Family Devotional Service: 6:30pm in FLC Advent Service 7:00	24 Thanksgiving Day Church Office and School Closed No activities	25	26
						

Youth—Children—Outreach

News from October

ESL classes, Fresh Start, and our Wednesday Family Discipleship night are all well on their way. In fact, we will soon be taking our Thanksgiving break and then Advent begins which means our Wednesday night schedule will be changing up some starting on the 30th. Please see next page for details.

We were also very excited to celebrate the baptism of a youth who has been participating in our Wednesday Night confirmation classes with a friend for the last year and a half.

October was a very full month. We had a Scavenger Hunt for our youth on the 9th, a few of our National Youth Gathering Participants helped with a follow-up service project on the 15th called Sole Hope in which they made parts of shoes for a ministry that provides shoes for kids in Uganda, and a few of our children's ministry team members attended a Children's Ministry Conference in Tulsa on the 29th which focused on figuring out how to help kids learn not only 'about' Jesus, but also to connect with Him and understand the impact He truly has on each of them.

We also held our annual Fall Festival on October 22nd. This was well attended even with the competing Razorback Football Game. We had games and activities for kids as well as a chili cook-off and a photo booth for families and kids alike. It was a great chance to reach out and connect with families from our preschool and the community.





Wayne Gilbertson
Chili Cook-Off Winner
2 years in a row!

Mark your Calendar!
Children's Christmas Program
and Bilingual Service
Sunday, December 11th - 10:30am

I know Halloween has just ended and we haven't even had Thanksgiving, but it is time to start working on the annual Family Christmas Program. We have worked on choosing a Christmas play and will soon be asking families about who has interest in various parts and we're planning to potentially include some adults too. If you are interested or if you know a youth or child who is interested, please see Kristin Hatton, Anne Boothe, Phyllis Tresner, or Star Iglesias. We want to make sure that everyone who wants to be involved, gets the opportunity.



UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Operation Christmas Child

Shoebox Packing event

Jr High & High School

Saturday, Nov 5th—1:00-5:00pm

Our youth will be packing the shoe boxes from 1:00-5:00pm in the Family Life Center. A big thank you to all who donated items for Operation Christmas Child! If you still have items to bring, they can be brought to the church office this week or brought to the Family Life Center at 1:00pm on Saturday.



About Operation Christmas Child: This program delivers shoeboxes to children in developing countries. These boxes are filled with school supplies, hygiene supplies, fun toys, & notes of encouragement. Best of all, this program connects with local churches to distribute these boxes and, therefore, not only gives these wonderful practical gifts that show God's love, but they also share the Gospel with these families.



Family Advent Event

Wednesday,

November 16th—

6:15pm

Family Life Center

To help families prepare for the Advent Season and how they can focus on this season in their homes, we will have a devotion and craft planned. Families will participate in making their own Advent Calendar Craft, putting verses and treats into it, and then they will be given instructions on how to use it for a family devotional time in their homes throughout the Advent Season. We hope all families will come and join us for this fun activity that will help families to prepare their hearts and minds for Christmas this year.

Jr. High LINKT Retreat—Nov 11-13

6th-8th grade—\$75

Registration was due Oct 23rd, but we can register late if needed. As of now, the following youth will be attending this annual retreat on Petit Jean mountain: Levi Moore, Allister Fougne, Scott Porter, Gilberto Gordillo, Eduardo Hernandez, Macjey Charvarria, Jesse Martinez, Maria Patino, Lucero Herrera, Amanda Henry, and Jacquelin Umaña. We will leave Friday, Nov 11th at 5:30pm and return around 4:00pm on Sunday, Nov 13th. Please keep these youth and the leaders in yours prayers that this would be a time of fun and spiritual growth.



Wednesday Night Advent Schedule

Dinner for all: 5:30-6:30pm in Fellowship Hall

Bilingual Family Devotional Service: 6:30pm in FLC

Traditional Advent Service: 7:00pm in Sanctuary

Open Gym: After Services until 8:00pm

New Advent Worship Opportunity

In addition to our Traditional Advent Services, there will be a new bilingual option this year. This service will be especially geared to families with youth and children. It will include traditional elements of Advent services but will be much more interactive and include time for discussion. It will be held at 6:30pm in the Family Life Center on Wednesdays during the Advent Season. (Note: it will not be held on the 14th due to the Cantata.)



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November Happenings

- November 5 Keepers of the House—Lobby area—8:00am
- November 6 Time Changes—"Fall" back one hour—2:00am
- November 6 Event Planning Team Meeting—Meeting Room—12:00pm
- November 6 Estate Planning—Bella Vista Lutheran Church—12:00pm
- November 6 Baby Shower for Kristin Hatton—Fellowship Hall—2:00—4:00pm
- November 6 Estate Planning—Holy Trinity—3:30pm
- November 7 School Silent Auction Begins—Fellowship Hall
- November 8 Election Day
- November 11 Veteran's Day
- November 11 Rockies Retreat—Cedar Lodge, Bella Vista—5:30pm
- November 11 Jr. High Retreat—Petit Jean—5:30pm
- November 12—18 Pastor Mark and Rose Krause in Mexico City
- November 13 Project Compassion Sunday
- November 13 Congregational Meeting—Fellowship Hall—9:30am
- November 13 Rockies Retreat and Jr. High Retreat End
- November 14 Silent Auction Ends—10:00am—Fellowship Hall
- November 14 Newsletter Deadline
- November 15 Pie Pick Up Day—Front of School—2:30—5:00pm
- November 18 Thanksgiving Basket Set Up—Lobby area—4:30pm
- November 19 Thanksgiving Basket Distribution—Lobby area—10:00am—1:00pm
- November 20 Bilingual Service—Church—10:30am
- November 20 Thanksgiving Potluck—Gym—12:00pm
- November 23 Thanksgiving Eve Worship—Church—7:00pm
- November 24 Thanksgiving Day!
- November 24-25 School and Office Closed!
- November 27 First Sunday in Advent
- November 30 Bilingual Service—FLC—6:30pm; Advent Service—Church—7:00pm