

# Salem Lutheran Ministries messenger



November 2015



## Salem Lutheran Ministries

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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

### Wednesday Evening Youth Activities:



Great colors!

### Painting the Youth Room:



## From Pastor Krause...



Dear Friends in Christ,

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” (Genesis 1:1) As Christians, it is important to know and believe that God, as a most generous God, created the world in which we live so that we could manage God’s creation for His praise and glory. None of us asked to be born. We come into this life with nothing and we are not able to take anything with us when we die. Life is a most precious gift given to us by a generous God. Everything we have to support this life has also been given to us by a generous God. Our response is to be generous in the way we use all the gifts God has given to us, to include our time and talents.

Last year through the “Living Generously” series we were challenged to surrender not only a tithe, but our very life and all we have as a gift to God as our response for His great generosity towards us. For God has given us life and a new life in Christ freely out of His great love for us that was expressed in giving us His Son, Jesus Christ, as an atonement for our sin. Now we can live as God’s children under the care of a Good Shepherd who has paved the way for us to live with Him in heaven for eternity. It is God’s love put into action that becomes our motivation to live our lives showing generosity towards others as we work together in sharing Christ and His love in our community and to the world.

God has given us a fantastic opportunity through Salem Lutheran Ministries to be a part of a kingdom movement that is willing, through sacrificial giving of our time, talents, and financial resources, to present an authentic witness of Jesus Christ through our acts of love as we share the Good News of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. In the next series, called “Loving Generously,” we will be going on a journey of reflection and transformation as we allow God to speak to us through His word to challenge us as comfortable Christians. True generosity is more than just giving of our time, talents, and financial resources. True generosity also moves us to reconciliation and the desire to form friendships with people who may be different than us for the purpose of helping them to come to know Jesus as the One who can heal broken hearts.

I pray that everyone will make a great effort to worship every Sunday through this series. I also challenge everyone to attend Sunday morning Bible study at 9:30 a.m. where we will continue to develop the theme for each Sunday. Sunday school and nursery is available for children. It is my prayer this this will be a time of renewal for our congregation and for our community as we grow in our relationship with Christ and with one another as the family of God. Please keep this series in your prayers. May the Lord bless us with spiritual growth that moves us to a greater level of service to promote the growth of God’s Kingdom.

In Christ’s love,

Pastor Mark

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## Adult Bible Studies

**Sunday Morning Bible Studies** begins at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. They begin a new study entitled "**Loving Generously**". Led by Pastor Krause.

The **Young Adults** meet in the Music Room. They continue their study of **Revelation**. Led by Kristin Hatton.

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

The **Tuesday Morning Bible Study Group** meets each Tuesday at 9:30am in the F. Hall and are studying the **Book of John**.

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

The **Women's Bible Study Group** continues their study of "**Becoming a Woman of Influence**". They meet at 9:00 am on Wednesdays in the Meeting Room down the 4's hallway.

**Our Neighbor's Faith** will meet this month on the 15th at 5:00pm. Place TBA.

**Rockies** (Campus Ministry) meet each Wednesday evening at 6:30pm at the Rockhouse in Fayetteville. Retreat on Nov. 6, 7, and 8.

**Twice Fed** will meet on Tuesday, the 17th, at 9:30am in the FLC, to watch the movie "**Finding Normal**".

# Bible Studies and Other Topics

## Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study



The Wednesday morning women's Bible study group continues their study of "Becoming a Woman of Influence" by Carol Kent. They are exploring principles of discipleship and how you can become a valued mentor who leaves an eternal mark. All are welcome to join them in the meeting room down the 4's hallway at 9 am on Wednesday mornings. For questions, or more information, contact Marci Wilson or Lori Smith.

## Young Adults Bible Study



The study of The Book of Revelation continues. Led by Kristin Hatton. They meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30am in the Music Room. Contact Kristin if questions.

## Rockhouse (Campus Ministry)



Students meet each Wednesday evening at the Rockhouse on the U of A campus. They begin at 6:30 with a meal, Bible Study, and fellowship.

If you or your group would like to help provide a meal or if you have any questions, contact Bert or Regina Neely at 512-618-9209 or Lori Smith at 479-841-7934.

### RETREAT

They will have a retreat on November 6, 7, and 8 at Cedar Lodge in Bella Vista. \$40 per person (to pay for food). Students, let us know if you plan to attend ASAP. They are also asking for donations of cookies, brownies, cakes and snacks. If you can bring some, please bring to the Tuesday morning Bible study on November 3 or leave them with Darlene in the church office. Contact Regina Neely if questions.

## Twice Fed

### "Finding Normal"



The only thing standing between Dr. Lisa Leland (Candice Cameron Bure) and the wedding of her dreams in the Hamptons is a 2600-mile drive from Los Angeles to Long Island. However, a run-in with the law in the country town of Normal, North Carolina leaves Dr. Leland with a choice—Jail or community service.

Sentenced to serve three days as the town's doctor, Lisa has her world turned upside down by a man she would never expect. Quickly, Lisa finds that there's a lot more to Normal than she could have ever imagined.

Plan to come and watch this movie on Tuesday, November 17th, at 9:30am in the Family Life Center. Refreshments and discussion follow.

## Tuesday Morning Bible Study



The **Tuesday Morning Bible Study Group** meets each Tuesday at 9:30am in the F. Hall and are studying **The Book of John**. All are invited to attend. Led by Bert Neely.

## Youth Bonfire



Sunday, November 22, 2015  
4:30—7:00pm  
Home of Bill and Jill Simmons  
For Grades 6—12

We will have hot dogs, chips and s'mores. For more information, contact Robyn Porter at rporter7@yahoo.com, Jill Simmons at hjill3@yahoo.com or Kristin Hatton at lampek@csp.edu.

## Other News

### LWML NEWS AND NOTES FOR OCTOBER 2015



50 Health Kits were assembled and packed to be sent to World Relief at the October meeting. **Thank you** to all who donated items and money for this important mission project. The Care Van was here on October 23 and 24. We had many churches in our Circuit and other areas bring their boxes.

A special **THANK YOU** to **LaDonna White** for making the beautiful LWML Sunday banner!

In keeping with our Motto "Serve the Lord with Gladness", LWML members will be serving a meal to the Youth on the evening of November 11, 2015.

#### LOOKING AHEAD:

Next meeting – November 10 at 5:30pm.

#### Time Change



Don't forget to change your clocks on Sunday morning, November 1, at 2:00am ("fall" back one hour). You don't want to be an hour early for church.

#### Bilingual Service and Potluck



*Let us give thanks!*

Plan to join us for a special bilingual worship service at 10:30am on Sunday, November 22nd, in the church. Following the service will be a wonderful joint Thanksgiving potluck with Salem and Cristo Para Todos. The turkeys have been provided but we will need 5 people to cook and carve them. Drinks and table service will be provided. 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 multi-cultural fellowship meal! If questions, call Darlene at the church office.

### Financial Report—September 2015

#### General Fund

|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 19,874.07 |
| Income            | + 84,979.16  |
|                   | 104,853.23   |
| Expenses          | - 101,770.08 |
| Ending Balance    | \$ 3,083.15  |

#### Special Accounts

|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 39,333.51 |
| Income            | + 3,969.72   |
|                   | 43,303.23    |
| Expenses          | - 8,332.50   |
| Ending Balance    | \$ 34,970.73 |

#### LCEF Accounts (Investments)

|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 38,732.82 |
| Income            | + 5.53       |
|                   | 39,738.35    |
| Expenses          | - 1,400.00   |
| Ending Balance    | \$ 38,338.35 |

#### Mortgage Principle Balance

\$ 347,871.24

#### Cristo Para Todos Account

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 3,351.39 |
| Income            | 0.00        |
|                   | 3,351.39    |
| Expenses          | 0.00        |
| Ending Balance    | \$ 3,351.39 |

#### LCEF Loan Principal Balance

\$ 49,129.63

#### Wells Fargo Endowment Fund

|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 90,001.37 |
| Income            | + 0.00       |
|                   | \$ 90,001.37 |
| Transfer to GF    | - 0.00       |
| Ending Balance    | \$ 90,001.37 |

#### Cantata



It's coming! Salem Lutheran Choir and St. Thomas Episcopal Choir will present a special Christmas Cantata on Wednesday, December 16th here at Salem. Be watching for more information and plan to come.

## Project Compassion



**P**rayers are powerful  
**R**ead Philippians 4: 6 & 13  
**O**pen on Wednesday 9:00 to 11:30 am to serve others  
**J**esus is our Savior  
**E**veryone is our neighbor  
**C**hrist paid the price  
**T**hanks to everyone who supports Project Compassion  
**C**ast all our care on Jesus. Psalm 55:22  
**O**nly Jesus can give us new life  
**M**any do not worship our Lord  
**P**raying we do His will  
**A**ssisted 83 people in October  
**S**haring Jesus and self to hurting families  
**S**erving Him alone  
**I** will repent for all my sins daily  
**O**ur blessings outweigh all our challenges  
**N**ow 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, Larry, and Sharon, Project Compassion Team

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## 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 Friday, November 20th, at 4:30pm. Also, if anyone can come on the 21st from 9:00am till ? 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 6th, around 9:00am. If you would like to help, come at that time. 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.

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## Church Clean-Up



With the Advent and Christmas season coming, I wish you a Blessed Holiday season. I am also in need of some volunteers for the church clean up the day after Christmas. Christmas Eve is a wonderful evening with candlelight services that we all love. Cleaning up after that service is a big job as the wax from the candles gets on the floor, pews and pew cushions. I usually have several days to clean up before the next church service, however this year Christmas falls on Friday so I only have Saturday to get this done. If anyone, men and women, could spare a few hours of your day on Saturday, December 26, to help with this project, I would be most grateful. Please contact me for more information if you are able to help. You can call the church office or 927-3474.

Please also remember that food and drinks should not be taken into the church Sanctuary at any time unless you have a very small child.

Thank you,  
Ruth Burnett

## Stewardship Corner



### LOVING GENEROUSLY

For the next five weeks we will be going on a spiritual growth journey called “Loving Generously.” The journey will include a short video before the message during worship and a longer video for the Bible study hour on Sunday morning to help us go into a deeper understanding of the topic. We will try to tackle a big topic. What does it mean to love fully and generously?

We are able to love because Christ first loved us. We can be generous relationally, through forgiveness, reconciliation, and authentic community, because Christ was generous to us. We can love the unlovable because Jesus showed us how. We can invite the least to our dinners and banquets because He invited us to His table. This is the essence of gospel living.

There is a good deal of focus on the poor in this series. We believe that an important key to our faith is to see ourselves as poor people. In Psalm 40:17 and 86:1, David says “for I am poor and needy”...imagine a king seeing himself that way! We think of the tax collector beating his breast in Luke 18:13 and saying ‘have mercy on me, a sinner.’ Jesus said this was the person who was justified.

So, the progression in this series is as follows:

Week 1 – Assess who you are inviting into your life

Week 2 – Assess what you own

Week 3 – Assess what walls may be in your life relationally

Week 4 – Realize the resistance you might receive expressing Christ’s love to the world

Week 5 – Enter full into the joy of Christian love and unity

I pray that our journey will be a blessing for us all!

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## Ministry Challenge



God is truly blessing our ministry. I give thanks to God for his blessings and the new opportunities He gives to us to share the Gospel in our community and to the world. As senior pastor, I also give thanks to God for the great ministry staff that is working with me and the many volunteers to develop the ministry that God has given to us. I ask that you keep our staff and all volunteers in your prayers as we work to meet the

challenges of a growing congregation. Please read this newsletter to get a small glimpse of the many ministry activities that are serving a growing number of people.

As God brings growth in staff and ministry programs He also presents a challenge to all of us for a greater level of financial and volunteer support. At the present time we need \$7,385.00 a week or \$32,000.00 monthly in contribution income to meet our financial responsibilities. During the month of September we were short \$4,200 and in October \$3,848.00. The finance team is not sure why these two months were lower than previous months. Most of our ministry expenses are fixed costs, such as staff salaries, benefits, and building costs. There is very little flexibility in our expenses.

We are also in need of a number of volunteers. We are in urgent need for drivers to pick up youth for our Wednesday Youth program. It would also be great to provide transportation on Sunday mornings for worship and Sunday school for people who no longer drive and children whose parents are not able to bring them to Sunday School. We are also in need of evening and Sunday morning nursery workers. Please talk to Kristin Hatton if you might be able to help. Nursery help has been a paid position. Contact me or Rose Krause if you have an interest in helping to develop and maintain our web site and facebook pages.

Most important, I ask that everyone keep our ministry in your prayers. Ask the Lord to give us the resources needed to keep moving forward by His grace.

In Christ’s love,  
Pastor Mark

**Fall Festival:**



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# Serving Salem this Month . . .

## Altar

**Altar Guild**  
8:00

Freda Piazza & Lois Douthit

**10:30**

Lisa McNeel

**Altar Linens**  
Susan Faulk

## Greeters

8:00 Tom and Carol Brown

## Communion Assistants

8:00 Jim Atkinson and Brian Owens

## Ushers

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

## Arise Service Helper

Team: Jason Hatton

## Flowers

Stand #1

Stand #2

Piano

1st

8th

15th

22nd

29th Hoff

1st Brian Owens

8th Charles Jones

15th Mike Lindeman

22nd Rick Meyer

29th Col. William Myers

## Scripture Readers - 8:00am

## Flowers



A sign up poster for flowers is located on the bulletin board in the lobby area. Flowers may be ordered from a local florist, made by Julie Hoff, or you may make your own. Contact the church office the Thursday before your Sunday and let Darlene know what your flowers are for.

Also, for best results, please bring bouquets of live flowers before the 8:00 am service on Sunday.

## Rockhouse (Campus Ministry) Students



Armando Acosta—  
Panama



Micaela Hamm—Tennessee



Dead Theologians Society



Hope Stolz, Dallas, TX  
Liya Yakupova, Russia

# Cristo Para Todos Update

*Your Spanish-Speaking Family of Faith!*

## Cristo Para Todos loves to celebrate!

It is a shared aspect of our many cultures. We love to gather together with food and music as we appreciate God's grace in our lives. Here we are celebrating God's goodness and Daniel's baptism at the Martin's new home:



¿Hay conflicto en su hogar?



*Están invitadas a una nueva serie*

### Paz en el Hogar

-Como Manejar el Conflicto en tu Familia-

Domingos a las 10:30am  
18 de octubre - 15 de noviembre, 2015  
Iglesia Luterana Cristo Para Todos

El conflicto no tiene que destruir nuestras relaciones. Puede ser la puerta a más confianza y entendimiento en nuestras relaciones más importantes. Vengan y aprendan como responder al conflicto en una manera biblica que fortalece a sus relaciones y honra a Dios.

## New Series: Peace in the Home

We are in a new series during the next month called Peace in the Home: How to Manage Conflict in your Family. The sermons and our weekly Bible studies (Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings) are focused on this topic, as we learn how to apply God's grace to our everyday conflicts. We are learning that there is a better way to respond to conflict . . . God's way! We are also beginning to see that conflict provides opportunity!

## Hispanics make pretty good biscuits and gravy!

Many members of Salem enjoyed a delicious breakfast prepared by Cristo Para Todos on Sunday, October 11. Some were delightfully surprised that our Hispanic brothers and sister can make tasty biscuits and gravy!



**The Human Face of Immigration:** This past month, five members of Cristo Para Todos shared the hopes and dreams that brought them to the United States. They also shared honestly about their struggles of living here as immigrants. Their stories gave insight and understanding to our North American members, and reminded us of this biblical truth: *The LORD your God executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.* (Deuteronomy 10:18-19 ESV)

## 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. We thank God for being so good to us.

Following is a list of upcoming events for our school:

Wednesday, November 18 – Those who ordered **pies** from us during October are asked to pick up their orders sometime between 2:30-5:00 pm.

November 8-16 – **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 26-27 – School will be **closed** for Thanksgiving vacation.

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

December 10 – **Four year old Christmas Program** in the church 7pm

Chapel offerings from October will be sent to help a child in Manipur, India to be able to attend a Christian school for their 2016 school year. It will help to purchase school uniform, shoes, books, tuition and other materials needed. November we will be participating in Operation Christmas Child as our chapel offerings.



Support our School!

In Christ's love,  
Kris Busch

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!**



### 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.

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.

### District's 50th Anniversary



In 2016 the Mid-South District will celebrate 50 years of ministry partnership with LCMS congregations, schools and workers in Arkansas, Tennessee and southern Kentucky. To mark this occasion, a special anniversary 2016 calendar is being produced. If you would like to order a calendar, please visit the District website at <https://midsouthlcms.org/the-mid-south-districts-50th-year-anniversary/>. You may also call the District Office at 1.866.373.1343 to place your order. The calendars are free and only a limited number will be produced., so get yours now. You may also give a free-will donation to the District to pay for postage if you so desire.

# Salem Celebrates!

## November Birthdays

|                         |       |
|-------------------------|-------|
| 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 |
| Maria Zuñiga-Torres     | 11/30 |

## November Baptism Birthdays

|                 |       |
|-----------------|-------|
| 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 |

## November Wedding Anniversaries

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

Chris and Jenna Clark  
11/8/2008—7 years

Lee and Shirley Sletten  
11/8/1958—57 years

Larry and Nelva House  
11/11/1989—26 years

Rev. Brandon and Joy Martin  
11/19/2005—10 years

Bert and Regina Neely  
11/21/1985—30 years

Richard and Susan Faulk  
11/26/1971—44 years

Wayne and Julie Hoff  
11/28/1980—35 years

# Our Church Family

## Directory Changes

There are none at this time.

## Poinsettias



It will be time to order poinsettias towards the end of this month. Be watching for more information and an insert.

## Set Up for Advent and Christmas



We are shaking things up a bit this year. Instead of decorating the church the Saturday after Thanksgiving we will instead decorate on

Saturday, December 5th, for Advent and Christmas. We will put up the tree, wreaths, nativity sets, etc. in the church and a tree in the Fellowship Hall. We will need men, women and youth to be here at 9:00am that morning to help. We hope more people can come on this date.

If you are available please plan to come. The more we have, the less time it takes. We want our church to look beautiful for the holiday season. Let Darlene know if you can help.

## Thanksgiving Eve Worship



As we prepare for our Thanksgiving holiday and ponder on what we are thankful for, what

better way to begin this holiday than to come together and worship our great God.

We will have a Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service on Wednesday, November 25th, at 7:00pm, in the Church. Plan to come and bring your family and friends.



## 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—in Afghanistan

**Paul Ostrowski**—brother of Diane Border—at the Pentagon

## Prayer List

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

- Bryan and Linda Gordley
- Doris Grayson
- Heath and Trisha Grayson
- Jacob
- Scott and Heather Grosze
- Andrew, Garrett
- Jose' Guzmán
- Carolyn Halbert

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

## Departed the Earth Triumphant



**John Mortensen**  
Father of Cindy Mussen and Joyce Mortensen  
Grandfather of Brad Mussen

He passed away on October 21 in Fayetteville. A private service conducted by Rev. Mark Krause was held at the Fayetteville National Cemetery on Monday, October 26th.

## Birth

**Kinley Faith Dixon**  
(daughter of Sheena Owens)  
Born October 22, 2015



# NOVEMBER 2015

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue  | Wed  | Thu   | Fri   | Sat  |
|---|--|--|--|---|---|--|
| <p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <p><b>All Saints Day</b> or 23rd<br/>Sunday after Pentecost<br/><b>Daylight Saving Time Ends</b> 2:00 am<br/><b>Each Sunday</b></p> <p>Traditional Service w/ Communion 8:00<br/>Praise Band Practice 8:00<br/>Sunday School 9:15<br/>Bible Classes 9:30<br/>Sing &amp; Praise 10:30<br/>Arise Contemporary Service w/Communion 10:30<br/>Cristo Para Todos Service w/Communion 10:30<br/>Volleyball 6:00</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p>Soccer 6:00<br/>Dance Group 7:00<br/>ESL 7:00</p>   | <p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Election Day</b></p> <p>Bible Study 9:30<br/>Soccer 6:00<br/>Handbells 6:30<br/>Choir 7:15</p>                         | <p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p>Fresh Start 7:00<br/>Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30<br/>Chapel 8:30<br/>Women's Bible Study 9:00<br/>Project Compassion 9:00<br/>Youth Night 5:30<br/>Rockies 6:30</p>                                 | <p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>Cristo Praise Band Practice 5:30<br/>Soccer 6:00<br/>ESL 7:00</p>  | <p style="text-align: right;">6</p> <p><b>Set up for Thanksgiving Display</b> 9:00</p> <p>Jr. High Retreat 5:30</p> <p>Rockies Retreat in Bella Vista—6th, 7th, 8th Soccer 6:30</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">7</p> <p>Keepers of the House 8:00<br/>Square Dance Lessons 10:00 to Noon<br/>Praise Band Practice 6:00</p>                                  |
| <p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p>24th Sunday after Pentecost<br/>Return from Jr. High Retreat<br/><b>Project Compassion Sunday</b><br/><b>School Silent Auction Begins</b><br/>Events Planning Team 12:00<br/>(Same as Each Sunday)</p>   | <p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <p>Soccer 6:00<br/>Dance Group 7:00<br/>ESL 7:00</p>   | <p style="text-align: right;">10</p> <p><b>Martin Luther's Birthday, 1483</b></p> <p>Bible Study 9:30 (Lunch afterwards)<br/>LWML 5:30<br/>Soccer 6:00<br/>Handbells 6:30<br/>Choir 7:15</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p><b>Veterans Day</b></p> <p>Fresh Start 7:00<br/>Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30<br/>Chapel 8:30<br/>Women's Bible Study 9:00<br/>Project Compassion 9:00<br/>Youth Night 5:30<br/>Rockies 6:30</p>     | <p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p>Cristo Praise Band Practice 5:30<br/>Soccer 6:00<br/>ESL 7:00</p>   | <p style="text-align: right;">13</p> <p>Soccer 6:30</p>   | <p style="text-align: right;">14</p> <p>Square Dance Lessons 10:00 to Noon<br/>Praise Band Practice 6:00</p>   |
| <p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p>25th Sunday after Pentecost<br/>(Same as Each Sunday)</p> <p>Bd. of Directors—after last service<br/>Our Neighbor's Faith 5:00</p>  | <p style="text-align: right;">16</p> <p><b>Silent Auction Ends</b> 10:00<br/><b>Newsletter Deadline</b></p> <p>Soccer 6:00<br/>Dance Group 7:00<br/>ESL 7:00</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p>Circuit Pastor's Conference 9:00<br/>Twice Fed 9:00<br/>Soccer 6:00<br/>Elders Team 6:30<br/>Handbells 6:30<br/>Choir 7:15</p>                       | <p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p><b>Pie Pick Up Day (2:30—5:00)</b></p> <p>(Same as 4th)</p>  | <p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>(Same as 5h)</p>  | <p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <p><b>Thanksgiving Basket Set Up</b> 4:30<br/>Soccer 6:30</p>  | <p style="text-align: right;">21</p> <p><b>Thanksgiving Basket Distribution</b><br/>9:00am till ?<br/>Square Dance Lessons 10:00 to Noon<br/>Praise Band Practice 6:00</p> |
| <p style="text-align: right;">22</p> <p>Last Sunday of the Church Year<br/>(Same as Each Sunday)<br/>Bilingual Service 10:30<br/>Thanksgiving Potluck 12:00<br/>Youth Bonfire 4:30—7:00</p>   | <p style="text-align: right;">23</p> <p>(Same as 2nd)</p>  | <p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p>Bible Study 9:30<br/>Soccer 6:30<br/>Handbells 6:30<br/>Choir 7:15</p>   | <p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p><b>Child Care Only</b><br/>NO Fresh Start<br/>Prayer Breakfast 7:30<br/>Women's Bible Study 9:00<br/>NO Project Compassion<br/>NO Youth Night<br/>NO Rockies<br/>Thanksgiving Eve Worship 7:00</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p><b>Thanksgiving Day</b><br/><b>Church Office and School Closed</b><br/>NO Activities</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> | <p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p><b>Church Office and School Closed</b></p> <p>Soccer 6:30</p>   | <p style="text-align: right;">28</p> <p>Square Dance Lessons 10:00 to Noon<br/>Praise Band Practice 6:00</p>   |
| <p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p><b>First Sunday of Advent</b><br/>(Same as Each Sunday)</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>  | <p style="text-align: right;">30</p> <p>Andrew, Apostle<br/>(Same as 2nd)</p>  | <p style="text-align: center;">  </p>   |  |   |   |  |

# Youth—Children—Outreach

## News from Octo-

This October the High School youth worked on transforming our youth room with some new coats of paint. We also worked on some decoration plans. There is still touch ups to be done and decorations to get on the wall so we are not quite finished, but the new coats of paint are definitely a step in the right direction.

Wednesday nights are also continuing to go well. We have wonderful mentor groups for confirmation and Rod Becher is doing an incredible job with our pre-confirmation (3rd-5th) class. Our Jr. High class (post-confirmation) has also been very active with around 15 youth most Wednesdays. We are still looking for a few more volunteers for this—see page 16 for details.

See pictures of painting of the youth room & Wednesday night activities on front page.

Fall Festival also went very well—we had especially great participation from preschool teachers and preschool families and we had lots of incredible volunteers that made it all possible!! Thank you everyone and please see next page for pictures.

In November, we will be taking Jr. High to a retreat, will have a bonfire for all ages, will be preparing for the Christmas program and will have several service opportunities. See more details on page 16.

## Volunteer Spotlight: Anne Boothe

Anne volunteers primarily in our children's ministry. She has taught the 1st-4th Sunday school jointly with Fran Owens for the last 3 years and also helps with many other special events and activities. She is currently on the Christmas Program planning team. She also acts as an aid for the pre-confirmation class on Wednesdays and she is going to help chaperon the Jr. High retreat this November. She states that she has 'truly enjoyed teaching Sunday School and helping build the children's ministry at Salem and has gotten to know some great kids.' She lived in Iowa until she was 14 when she moved to Eureka Springs. She went to college/nursing school in Springfield, MO. She is the daughter of a Lutheran Pastor, Pastor Haydon, who retired last year from Grace Lutheran in Holiday Island. Her mom passed away from cancer in 2002 and her dad remarried in 2004. She has two daughters (who are very active at our church): Kaylyn who was born in 2002 and Abigail who was born in 2006. She lives in Fayetteville and works as an RN for Fayetteville Diagnostic Clinic. She loves to read and do crafts (She said she strives to be a 'pinterest queen' but considers herself a very low apprentice). She is also a Razorbacks Fanatic and a Cubs baseball fan for life.



Anne at work with her class

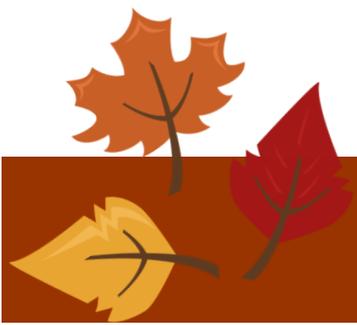


# Fall Festival



**Wayne Gilbertson**  
1st place in the chili cook-off!





# UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

## Bonfire

Jr. High & High School  
Nov 22nd  
4pm-7:00pm



We'll be having a bonfire for youth of all (Grades 6th-12th) on Sunday, November 22nd . This will be held at Bill & Jill Simmon's house. We will start with some games and then end with roasting hot dogs and making s'mores. If you have any questions, please contact Robyn Porter or Kristin Hatton.

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## Christmas Program Preparations

I know it seems too early to think about Christmas, but the annual Christmas program is only a month & a half away! The children will be practicing the songs during 'Sing & Praise' during November & December and older kids will work on parts & songs some during Sunday School & Children's church times. If you have any questions or are interested in being part of this, please talk with Anne Boothe, Star Iglesias, or Kristin Hatton.



## Linkt Jr. High Retreat at Petit Jean

November 6th-8th

Grades 6-8

There will be another state-wide youth retreat at Lutheran Camp on Petit Jean mountain. The November retreat will be just for Jr. High and there will be one in February for just High School. We have 13 youth currently registered. Registration cost is \$75. If anyone is still interested in attending, please see Kristin Hatton (870-421-4348) or Pastor Brandon Martin.

## Looking for a fun way to be involved?

We have some great opportunities to be involved in the ministry at Salem. As we've implemented the new program for Wednesday, we've found a few more opportunities.

**Wednesday Night Alternate Van Driver**—consists of picking up kids/youth from 3-4 houses for Wednesday night activities. Cindy Mussen & Larry Pfaffinger have been doing this, but one more alternate driver would be helpful. If interested, see Kristin, Cindy, or Larry.

**Class Aid**—Our pre-confirmation class can have up to around 20 students and we could use more aid to assist—commitment would be every other week. For more information, see Kristin Hatton

**Gym & Activity leader or assistant**— If you love to play games or sports and have fun with children this is a great opportunity to serve. We could use one more activity leader and several assistants. For more information, see Kristin Hatton or Pastor Brandon.

## Upcoming Youth Service Opportunities

### *Letters to Service Members*

Wednesday, November 11th

Jr. High

6-7pm

During our normal activity time, Jr High students will spend Veteran's Day writing thank you letters to service members through the 'Flag's across our nation' program.

### *Thanksgiving Baskets*

Friday, November 20th—4:30pm

Saturday, November 21st—9:00am

All Ages Welcome

Youth are invited to come help prepare the Thanksgiving baskets on Friday starting at 4:30 and then those interested are invited to come help pass out the baskets starting at 9:00am that Saturday.

### *Raking Leaves*

Saturday, Dec 5th

All Ages

9:00am—1:00pm

We'll meet at the church at 9:00am to rake the yards of members and maybe some neighbors.

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## NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS

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| November 1       | All Saints Day<br>Daylight Savings Time Ends<br>Sing & Praise—10:30am—FLC  |
| November 6       | Set up for Thanksgiving Display—9:00am—Lobby area  |
| November 6, 7, 8 | Rockies Retreat at Bella Vista   |
| November 6, 7, 8 | Jr. High Retreat—Petit Jean—leave around 5:30pm  |
| November 8       | Project Compassion Sunday<br>School Silent Auction Begins—F. Hall  |
| November 11      | Veterans Day   |
| November 16      | Silent Auction Ends—10:00am<br>December Newsletter Deadline  |
| November 18      | Pie Pick Up Day—2:30—5:00pm  |
| November 20      | Thanksgiving Basket Set Up—4:30pm—Lobby area   |
| November 21      | Thanksgiving Basket Distribution—9:00am till ?<br>Set up for Thanksgiving Potluck—9:00am till ? - FLC                        |
| November 22      | Bilingual Service—10:30am—Church<br>Thanksgiving Potluck—Noon—FLC<br>Youth Bonfire—4:30—7:00pm—home of Bill and Jill Simmons |
| November 25      | Child Care Only<br>Thanksgiving Eve Worship—7:00pm—Church  |
| November 26      | Happy Thanksgiving!<br>Church Office and School Closed   |
| November 27      | Church Office and School Closed  |
| November 29      | First Sunday of Advent   |