

The SEER

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

JUNE 2021

Our In-person service is at 9:30.

For now-
Face masks are required
No Coffee Hour or
In-person Sunday School.
Nursery is open to
parents.

Our on-line services
continue at 9:30am on
Facebook at
[Salem Lutheran Church](#)
or
anytime on YouTube
[Salem ELC Stillwater OK](#)

Sunday Morning Adult Discussion is at 11am on Zoom

Friday Morning Bible Study at 10am via ZOOM.

Newcomers welcome. Pre-reading not required!

Contact Pr. Sally (pastorsally@sbcglobal.net)
for website info for Zoom meetings.



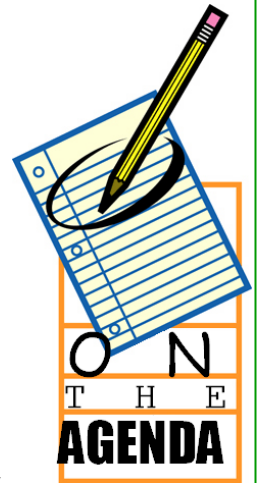
**Congregational Meeting
Sunday, June 13, in person
after the 9:30am service.**

**A copy of the
Annual
Report** will be
ready June 6.

-> **New Council
members** will
be elected.

If you are inter-
ested in being
on the church's
council. Please
contact Pr. Sally
or Judy Lewis.

If you have anything that you
feel needs to be discussed at
this meeting, please contact
Judy Lewis.



During June, the Adult Discussion class will continue on with the
"Beginnings of Judaism" based on lectures by Professor Isaiah
M. Gafni from Great Courses.

The topics include: June 6 - "Sectarianism –
Pharisees and Sadducees"
June 13 - Annual Meeting in person at Salem
June 20 - "Out of the Caves – Discovery at Qumran"
June 27 - "The End of Days – The Messianic Eschatology"

The Adult Discussion Class is a Zoom meeting at 11 AM .
The address for the Zoom meetings is in the Sunday Service
e-mail or contact Pr. Sally for more info.

Join us for thoughtful discussions to improve our understanding of the roots of our faith.
No pre-study required. Newcomers always welcome!

From the Pastor: “Ordinary Time”

And so we have entered the long, green season after Pentecost, called, in the Church calendar, “Ordinary Time”.

But what is ‘ordinary’ anymore? Not much! As we explore what it feels like and means to be coming ‘out of pandemic’, let us remember that we have nothing like an ‘ordinary’ savior. We will be returning to this year’s featured gospel, Mark, to follow Jesus as his ministry unfolds:

June 6 – Mark 3:20-35 –After casting out a demon, Jesus is confronted by family (‘He has gone out of his mind!’) and scribes from Jerusalem (He is possessed by Beelzebul!)

June 13—Mark 4:26-34—The mystery of plant life reveals the mystery of the Kingdom of God.

June 20—Mark 4:35-41—Jesus takes a nap! (oh yes, and calms a storm)

June 27—Mark 5:21-43—Jesus multitasks, healing a woman and restoring life to a young girl.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, let us learn from Jesus how to be a part of the life-giving, death-defying, and even nap-taking reign of God!

Pastor Sally

Something Important, Something New --

We are looking to form two small teams to dream about two ministries this fall—one a restart and one totally new:

A re-launch of our Sunday Evening service which began just shortly before the pandemic hit. This is for all ages but focused on young adults. It includes acoustic music, scripture, a message and candlelit prayer. This team will help to define the tasks needing to be done, the themes of the messages. Some may choose to share leadership of worship, but this is not required.

Grow in God’s Garden – an outreach ministry to families with young(ish) children. We will plan a Sunday morning faith-formation for families to happen in an ‘outdoor classroom’ beginning in the fall. The frequency is to be determined, but it will likely not occur every Sunday. The group will meet in an ‘outdoor classroom; at the Stillwater Botanical Gardens, learning Bible stories by acting them out, exploring the wonders of God’s creation, singing songs, making friends in the faith. We hope to serve families who want faith formation but do not currently have a faith community. “Being a part of these ‘dream teams’ is a start-up commitment; we hope that participants from the ministries will be excited to step up and help them thrive as they continue.

Contact Pastor Sally (pastorsally@sbcglobal.net) for more information or to indicate your interest. (Phone numbers and email addresses are on the back page.)



FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

After more than a year of virtual church it has been so good to see many of you in person again. There was much more involved than just opening the doors again and many thanks to everyone that has helped figure the safest way for it happen. Because we have continued to offer a service on Facebook and Youtube it has meant Pastor Sally has had to do two different services a week and I know we all appreciate it and say a big "Thank You" for her love and care for us. And as we are still learning the best way to meet, the CDC comes out with new guidelines that keeps the Covid Task Force studying best practices for churches and in deep conversation as to what is best for Salem. Their goal is still to keep all of us as safe as they can. Though many of us are fully vaccinated, we know children under 12 definitely will not be, some members for personal reasons are not and we do not know about visitors. I hope everyone continues to support the Task Force's decisions and know they will continue to be vigilant on safest practices.

On Sunday, May 30th, 6 young men will be confirmed. Congratulations to **Jacob Ebersole, Lawson Hearp, Trace Phillips, Nate Sahs, Matthew Schmidt and CJ Wolfe.**



In June we will be dedicating the Butterfly Garden. Covid kept the congregation from being as involved in all of the planting and caring for it as originally planned, but, if you happen to walk through the Garden and see weeds, in the walk only, please feel free to pull them out. Most of the plants survived the winter but there are still some maintenance costs, so the dedication will be a great opportunity for a financial gift to help with those costs.

Thanks.

Judy Lewis

True, needful, kind

If you are tempted to reveal
a tale to you someone has told
about another, make it pass,
before you speak,
three gates of gold;
these narrow gates.

First, "Is it true?"
Then, "Is it needful?" In your mind
give truthful answer. And the next
is last and narrowest, "Is it kind?"

And if to reach your lips at last
it passes through these
gateways three,
then you may tell the tale, nor fear
what the result of speech may be.

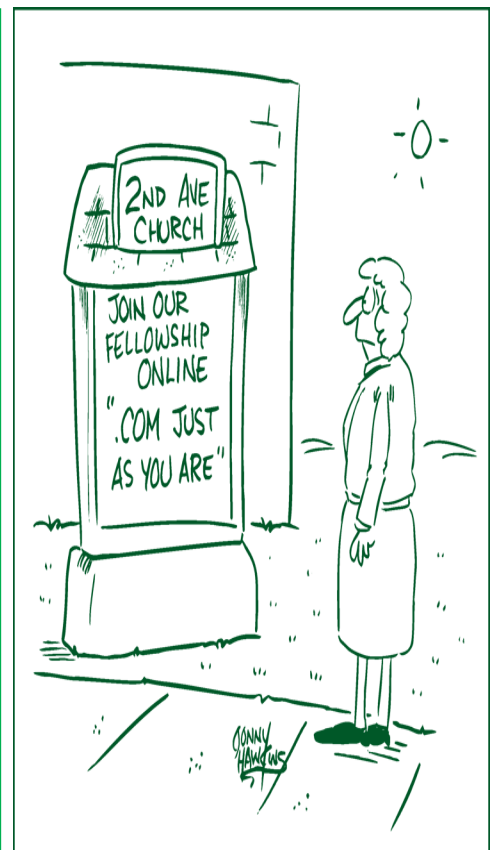
—Beth Day, "The Three
Gates" (1835)

Friday Bible Study: Women of the New Testament

Beginning June 6 the Friday morning Bible Study will begin a study on women in the New Testament. What will we learn about God, and about us from their stories?

Newcomers are always welcome, pre-study is not required, and it would be easy to come from time to time if you cannot attend weekly.

Pastor Sally leads this study Friday mornings at 10am via Zoom. Contact her to let her know you'd like the Zoom link!
(pastorsally@sbcglobal.net)



In-person! Worship

A few notes for when you are ready to come back.

Everyone needs to be masked. We do have children's masks. (Parents decide if their child is old enough to manage a mask. We have no age at which children are required to wear one.)

Masks and hand sanitizer are available at all entrances.

Please come in the East and West facing doors. The Parish Hall & Kitchen doors will be locked.

Every member/guest will pick up their own service booklet from the table in the hall or the north entry doors. Soft singing is allowed during the service. In June we will begin having wine available for Communion, but you may also continue to partake of the bread only, if you prefer.

The ushers will help members/guests find appropriate seating. We encourage people to 'give each other ample space', but to choose whether to sit in a pew or in the Parish Hall, which will still have socially-distanced seating for those who feel more comfortable doing that. (And we have a great new sound system in there!)

The nursery is available for parent and child. There are no nursery attendants. There are a few toys out, small bottles of water and packages of Gold Fish. Please leave toys out to be cleaned.



From Our Daily Bread (701 E. 12th, Stillwater)

Dads are most ordinary men turned by love into heroes, adventurers, storytellers and singers of song.
~ Pam Brown

The best way to avoid a bad action is by doing a good one, for there is no difficulty in the world like that of trying to do nothing. ~ John Clare

Spring being a tough act to follow, God created June. ~ Al Bernstein

"My father didn't do anything unusual. He only did what dads are supposed to do — be there."
~ Max Lucado

"I love my father as the stars. He's a bright shining example and a happy twinkling in my heart."
~ Terri Guillemets

If you have a garden, consider partnering with Our Daily Bread by planting an extra row and donating the produce harvested from that row to ODB. Our guests would love to receive some fresh, home-grown items from you! We can accept fresh produce, but regulations prohibit us from distributing home canned food. If possible, give your veggies a rinse before bringing them our way so they're nice and clean for those who will be receiving them.

The Toy Story "No Toy Left Behind Rescue Mission" has begun! This month there is a rock scavenger hunt for you and your kiddos. Look for our new garden sign to get the scavenger hunt directions. Happy hunting!
(Please leave the rocks where you find them so others can join in the hunt too.)

SCAVENGER HUNT



Volunteer Schedule

2021	For June 6 ELW, Setting 3	For June 13 ELW, Setting 3	For June 20 ELW, Setting 3	For June 27 ELW, Setting 3
Assisting Minister On-line In-person	David Lewis Susan Prater	Mark Pennie Tricia Auberle	Judy Lewis David Lewis	Priscilla Gerfen Lynn Franzmann
Cantor	Elizabeth Albright	Elizabeth Albright	Elizabeth Albright	Elizabeth Albright
Ushers 9:30	Brandon & Lawson Hearp	Roger Sahs & Carol Beier	Cindy & Stephen Haseley	David & Judy Lewis
Greeter 10:45				
Altar Guild 9:30	Joanna Gipson	Shelley Schmidt	Elaine Ackerson	Dorothy Johnson
Sound Tech 9:30	Terry Gipson	Rick Beier	Moses Vijayakumar	Moses Vijayakumar
Counters	Michelle Hoerning	Michelle Hoerning	Michelle Hoerning	Michelle Hoerning

Help needed!

We have a couple of small jobs that are in need of people.



1. Trash set out and brought back. Our trash is picked up midmornings on Thursday. Bill used to set it out Wednesday and bring it in sometime Thursday afternoon or early Friday morning. If you are usually in this area in the mornings, this would be a quick and easy job.

2. The parking lots and grounds could use a pick up during the week. John Houck kindly does it on Sundays, but it can get pretty cluttered during the week.

If you are available for a month, 6 months or until you get tired of it, please let Lisa in the office know- 405-372-3074.

Many Thanks!



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MINISTRY STAFF

Pastor ~ Sally Houck
Director of Music ~ Krystal Hennessey
Choir Director ~ Elizabeth Albright
Office Coordinator ~ Lisa Murray-Francis
Parish Nurse ~ Cindy Pennie
Peer Ministers ~ Jared Smith, Luke Ratke
Media Specialists ~ Olen Weaver &
Jeremy Hennessey

CHURCH OFFICE

Hours: Monday 8-Noon, Tuesday-Thursday
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June
Birthdays &
Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 2 Keith Schmidt
- 6 Mark Pennie
- 8 Nicholas Sahs
- 10 Kay Headrick
- 11 David Lewis
Shelley Schmidt
- 12 Jason Lavery
- 15 Kevin Oltmanns
- 16 Roger Merkel
- 17 Alane Zannotti
- 18 Rick Beier
Paula Long
- 20 Joanne Barrick
- 21 Tom Hennessey
- 29 Laikyn Anderson
- 30 Freddy Miller

Anniversaries

- 4 Carol & Rick Beier
Joanna & Terry Gipson
- 7 Doy & Roger Merkel
- 11 Olen Weaver & Elizabeth Albright
- 18 Krystal & Tom Hennessey