

The SEER

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

AUGUST 2021



9:30am

August 1- Service of the Word

August 8- Service of the Word

(NEITHER AUGUST 1 or 8 WILL BE ON-LINE)

August 15- ELW, setting 3

August 22- ELW, setting 3

August 29- ELW, setting 3

(WE PLAN TO BE LIVE. BEGINNING AUGUST 15!)

Sunday Morning Adult Discussion
August 15, 22 & 29 11am on Zoom

Friday Morning Bible Study
at 10am via ZOOM.

Newcomers welcome.

Pre-reading not required!

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

ADULT Sunday School

Join us for thoughtful discussions on the "Beginnings of Judaism" as we improve our understanding of the roots of our faith. The class is based on lectures by Professor Isaiah M. Gafni from a Great Courses video.

August 1st & 8th – No Class – The Zoom Engineer and Discussion Leader are out of town

August 15th – Lecture 18 – "Changing God's Address – Temple to Synagogue"

August 22 – Lecture 19 – "Rome Arrives in Jerusalem"

August 29th – Lecture 20 – "Parting with the Temple"

The Adult Discussion Class will continue as a Zoom meeting at 11:00 AM on Sunday mornings following in person worship at 9:30 AM.

The address for the Zoom meetings can be found in Pastor's Tuesday memos and the Sunday Service E-Mail. Contact Pr. Sally (pastorsally@sbcglobal.net) if you aren't getting the email (or check your spam file).

We are still looking for "History of Christianity in the Reformation" by Brad S. Gregory. Please look around and see if perhaps it's been stashed back somewhere. It could be at the church, just in an odd spot. Many thanks!

Special Offerings in August-

Our **Third Sunday Food Offering** is on **August 15**. Checks can be placed in the offering plate. Egg cartons, walmart sized bags, and food items can go in the baskets that line the hallway to the office.

Our **Fifth Sunday Offering** will go to **Wings of Hope**- Stillwater's shelter provides safety, hope and education for battered women and their children. Please place your donation in the offering.



From Your President

July seems to be speeding by, maybe because early in the month we celebrated a holiday or maybe it's just a busy month. On June 27th we were able to dedicate the Butterfly Garden in between the rain drops. Thanks to all of you that were able to attend and for contributions to the Garden for maintenance.

Coffee hour is back and feels good. I know several of you have not returned to church in person yet, and this is by no way meant to shame, scold or be a negative remark, but I just want you to know you are missed. Though masks are optional for people fully vaccinated, many of our members still choose to be masked and as numbers go up more may choose that option. Feel comfortable in whatever way suits you best, including worshipping from home.

Council had their first in-person meeting on July 13th. We went back to our schedule of meeting at 5:30pm and starting with a light meal. I think we had a productive year meeting by Zoom, but it was nice to sit around the table together again. We are going to have a mini-retreat and meeting on August 21st and will meet at the First Presbyterian Church from 9:30 am till about 3:00pm. It will give us a better opportunity to dream, plan and look at the wider church. The ELCA does many good things and it's nice to be reminded of what we are a part of.

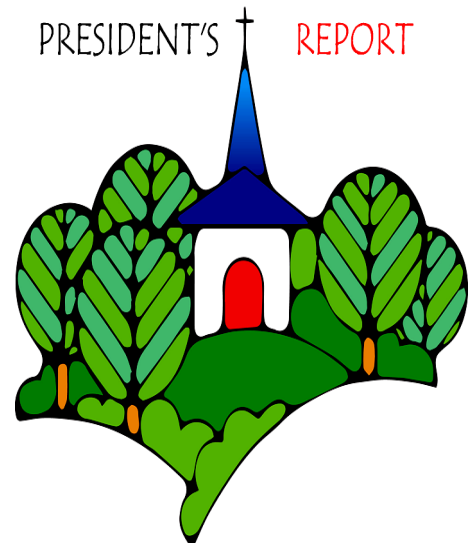
We continue to move forward with our plans for live-streaming our Sunday service. Live-streaming will enable members and visitors to attend church from their home or while away. We know with our recorded services people have joined in from different states and countries. What a great way to share God's love for all of us.

And as we move towards Fall the plans to restart the Sunday Evening Service and add a Sunday morning Outdoor Family Activity program for Salem families and an Outreach to community families continue. Also, we have a young man planning his Eagle Scout project. If you are interested in working on a committee and mentoring this member, please let Pastor Sally or me know. A great opportunity to make a difference.

GOD'S WORK. OUR HAND'S. Again this year we will donate as much peanut butter as we can collect between now and September. No plans for a work day, but Our Daily Bread is appreciative of our gifts of peanut butter, so let's really wow them! You can start bringing a jar every Sunday and put it in the baskets under the coat rack or save it and bring it on September 12th.

Thanks.
Be safe and stay well.
Hugs,

Judy Lewis



Volunteer Schedule

| 2021 | August 1 | August 8 | August 15 | August 22 | August 29 |
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| Assisting Minister 9:30 | Lynn Lester | Kevin Gerfen | Tricia Auberle | Cindy Pennie | David Lewis |
| Ushers 9:30 | Catherine & Moses Vijayakumar | Roger Sahs & Terry Gipson | Rick and Carol Beier | Susan & Jess Prater | Brandon & Lawson Hearp |
| Greeter 9:30 | David & Judy Lewis | Rick & Annette Cowell | Kevin & Priscilla Gerfen | | Bruce & Elaine Ackerson |
| Altar Guild 9:30 | Dorothy Johnson | Dorothy Johnson | Priscilla Gerfen | Elaine Ackerson | Joanna Gipson |
| Coffee Hour after 9:30 | Joanna & Terry Gipson | Mary Jo Lanier | Roger & Teri Sahs | | |
| Flowers | | Dorothy Johnson | | | |
| Counters | Priscilla Gerfen & Terry Gipson | Keith Schmidt & Michelle Hoerning | Carol Beier & Michelle Hoerning | Cindy Haseley & Michelle Hoerning | Lori Oltmanns & Terry Gipson |

World Relief and Local School Kits

Our annual school supplies collection is underway. We keep hearing about high prices and shortages, so hope we can buy what we need before those problems affect our area. We will continue to collect until the end of August.

The display/collection area is just outside the Nursery. Need a list of all the items? Pick one up from the table. Thanks for contributing!



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Birthdays & Anniversaries

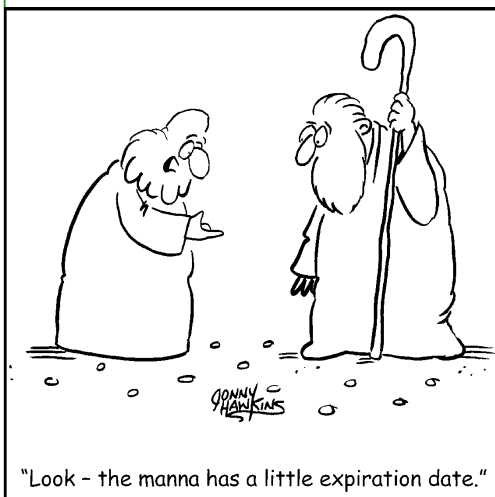


Birthdays

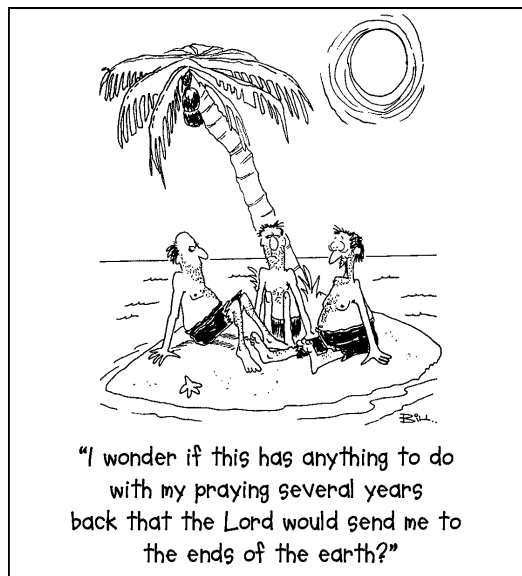
- 5 Pastor Sally Houck
- 12 Olie Weaver
- Andrew Gipson
- 15 Jan Anderson
- 20 Eric Ebersole
- 22 Sharon Schonthaler
- Michelle Hubbard
- 23 Lynn Lester
- 28 Annette Cowell
- 30 Jacque Jones

Anniversaries

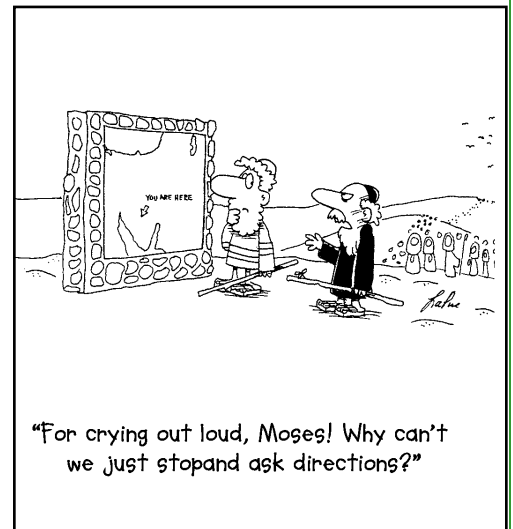
- 5 Belinda & Ray Hammergren
- 13 Annette & Rick Cowell
- 14 Cindy & Mark Pennie
- 17 Scott & Maria Wolff
- 25 Pastor Sally & John Houck
- 30 Elaine & Bruce Ackerson



"Look - the manna has a little expiration date."



"I wonder if this has anything to do with my praying several years back that the Lord would send me to the ends of the earth?"



"For crying out loud, Moses! Why can't we just stop and ask directions?"



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MINISTRY STAFF

Pastor ~ Sally Houck
Director of Music ~ Krystal Hennessey
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Office Coordinator ~ Lisa Murray-Francis
Parish Nurse ~ Cindy Pennie
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Jeremy Hennessey

CHURCH OFFICE

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(Please leave a message)
Email Address: salemelc@sbcglobal.net
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Coming Up

Choir rehearsal will resume on Sep-
tember 8 at 7 pm. Please wear a
mask. Our goal is to stay safe while
singing together.
I look forward to seeing and
hearing everyone again!!



Salem's Christmas Sale will be Dec. 4, so if you're a
Christmas-in-July crafter, consider making items for the
sale.

Book Club in August - The Daughters of Erietown, by
Connie Schultz. Since we are now meeting in members'
homes, we ask that participants be fully vaccinated.
For more information, contact Priscilla at
priscilla@gerfen.com



God's Work, Our Hands will be September 12. We are
collecting Peanut Butter to donate to Our Daily Bread. It
can be left weekly at the church in the food baskets or
brought on Sunday the 12th.

Our Daily Bread is having a fundraiser Thurs.,
Sept. 9. There is a separate predinner cocktail
party and then the dinner itself. If you are
interested, see their web-site OurDailyBread-
Stillwater.org



**DINNERS RESUME
AUGUST 19**

Campus Ministry
dinners are Thursday
evenings at 6pm.

Our generous members
provide the
home cooked meals.
The sign-up sheet is on
the bulletin board
in the Parish Hall.
Please sign-up today!

Tell any College Student
that you know about the
dinners. All are welcome.