

The SEER

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 2021



Fall Worship Schedule

SUNDAY SERVICE, 9:30 AM

Oct 3 - Now the Feast
Oct 10 - Now the Feast
Oct 17 - ELW, Setting 3
Third Sunday Food Offering
Oct 24- ELW, Setting 3
Oct 31- Reformation Sunday
Fifth Sunday Offering

Nov 7 - ELW, Setting 3, All Saints
Daylight Savings Time
Nov 14 - Now the Feast
Nov 20 - Christ the King
Third Sunday Food Offering
Nov 24 - ELW, Setting 5,
First Sunday in Advent!

Participate live, on-line at 9:30am
on Facebook at [Salem Lutheran Church](#). Watch anytime on YouTube
[Salem ELC Stillwater OK](#)

The Child Care room is available
for children and their parents
during the service.



REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

Stillwater will receive 40 Afghan families, beginning in November. Catholic Charities is the refugee resettlement agency in Okla.

The best way to offer help is to volunteer to be on a Committee. E-mail Col. Mike Fitzgerald, at mfitzgerald@cceok.org, head of the Stillwater effort, with a BRIEF few sentences stating why you

have an interest/investment in helping with Transportation, Cars, Family Assistance, Groceries, Housing, Furnishes, Housewares, Medical, Education, Legal, Translators, or Jobs. As we get information about particular needs, we will pass them along. Please keep the families in your prayers.

The holidays are coming up. I will email everyone a copy of the directory in late November. If you have a new phone, address or email, please let me know so that the information sent out is correct. Any former member is welcome to send their address also and we'll add you to a special section in the back of the directory.



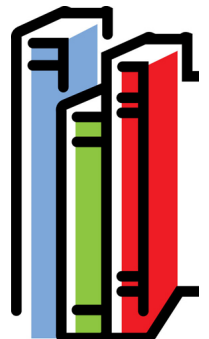
Lisa, Church Secretary

It's time to (re)order your **Lutheran Magazine**. Order forms are next to the October birthdays. Please turn in the form, with your \$10 payment, by the end of October. Enjoy!



Book Club- Station 11 by John Rocco

Station 11 is a book on survival (and surviving well) and is part of the **Public Library's Big Read program**. The library has activities/music/movie & a backpacking workshop to go with the book. It begins October 2 and goes thru November 11. A full list of adult and children's activities are posted on the bulletin board in Salem's main entry hall. You can also find the information on the library's website.



From the Pastor:

At the risk of sounding like I'm quoting that old rocker, Jerry Garcia of the Grateful Dead, "What a long, strange, year and a half this has been."

'Church' has dramatically changed shape and form. Patterns of our days and weeks have changed, and anxiety, anger, and weariness lurk beneath the surface of our daily lives.

What has not changed is the grace and love of

Jesus Christ, nor our call to be disciples in his name. Just how we 'gather' as followers of Jesus and how we live out our vocation as children of God can change, but the call to follow does not.



THANK YOU for continuing to support our mission and ministry during these 'long, strange' times. Even if you have not felt comfortable or felt the energy to come to in-person church, through your financial support of Salem *you have done ministry in Jesus name!*

YOU have

sewn and sent quilts around the world

given food (esp. peanut butter!) and financial aid to Our Daily Bread

surrounded grieving families with care, as best we could, and provided pastoral care to many,
including campus students

ministered to the health and wellbeing of others through our Parish Nurse

provided a thriving Campus Ministry, online and in person

supported local and international needs through Fifth Sunday offerings

so blessed ELCA World Hunger with your gifts that they contacted us and thanked us!

continued to have Bible Study, Tuesday Chats, Racial Justice Conversations, Council Meetings,
and other gatherings via Zoom

supported Oaks through Christmas gifts and, just recently, a visit to campus

assembled school kits for local and international needs

continued worship through the creative engagement of our staff

provided support for many wonderful ministries through our benevolence to our Synod and the ELCA
maintained and improved our property

Even started new ministries: Our beautiful butterfly waystation, a Hunger Focus group,
and a budding new faith formation ministry to local families.

Supported Pastor Carrie Ballenger in Jerusalem, interns Hannah DePasquale and Krissi Barnard

Each year in October we consider what God has given us, and what God can do through us for the sake of God and neighbor. Even in these long, strange times, we can be the Church in old and new ways.

Thank you for being a part of the 'new thing' God is doing, for the sake of the world God so loves.

Pastor Sally

Council Notes

The Church Council took action on a number of intriguing things, including:

- ◇ Approving Nate Sah's proposed Eagle Scout project of a 'little free pantry' at Salem.
- ◇ Salem will be added to the Central Oklahoman Lutheran Churches sponsoring the weekly radio show call Sing for Joy, produced by St. Olaf on Sundays 8:30am on KUCO (90.1) or streamed from their site anytime (<https://www.stolaf.edu/singforjoy/>)
- ◇ Approving an inquiry into what it would mean, and take to help sponsor an Afghan refugee family (along with other churches) should we get the opportunity.



From Your Council President

On this sunny, cool morning it feels good and gives the day an energetic start. Salem is always on my mind and I know many are asking when can we go back to 2 services? Right now our average attendance on a Sunday is 45. Many of you are attending from home which is safe, convenient and perfectly okay. But as to the question of having 2 services, on any Sunday with one service it takes the accompanist (thanks Krystal), a cantor (thanks Elizabeth and other choir members), an assisting minister, a member of altar guild, 2 ushers, 2 greeters, 2 counters and our tech person (thanks, Olie) and Pastor Sally serving as acolyte, plus being the Pastor (thanks Pastor Sally). It takes a team! We don't have enough people to have 2 teams right now. The church, not only Salem, is changing and raising new questions as to how we are going to look when we can attend with no restrictions, but have new ways of worshipping with live streaming, YouTube and Facebook. I have no magical answers, but remain confident we will survive the changes and hopefully be even stronger.

October is Stewardship month and we need to begin with thanks for all the blessings we have received this past year. We have been able to keep our staff employed and even added a technology position. We have paid our bills. We have continued our Service Ministry projects, and supported our 5th Sunday offerings. Thanks to all of you for faithfully supporting Salem with you time, talents, pledges and additional contributions. We are blessed.

Be safe and stay well. Hugs, Judy



Warm Welcome



In cooperation with English as a second language teachers, the service ministry is collecting mittens, gloves, hats and scarves for children who have recently arrived in Stillwater. It is our hope to gather 60 gifts by November 7 to give to the teachers who will distribute them to the children and families in the coming months. The donations may be placed on the table outside the church nursery. Thank you for being a part of the warm welcome to these children.

Annette Cowell, The Service Ministry

Salvation Army asked us to share with anyone that's in need, that their Angel Tree applications are being taken October 11-15.

To turn in an application, clients must call in advance and make an appointment- 405-372-1554.





October

Have a Happy Birthday!

- 1 Rick Cowell
- 3 Kelsey Haseley
- 5 Kevin Gerfen
- 6 Cindy Pennie
- 8 Laurie Eastman
- 11 Karl Olstmanns
- 12 Catherine Vijayakumar
- 15 Jeremy Hennessey
- 17 John Franzmann
- 21 Martha Gipson
- 22 Mary Jo Lanier
- 23 Brandon Hubbard
- 25 Gloria Sandvold
- 26 Caitlin Gipson
- 29 Doy Merkel
- 30 Darlene Gaitfier
- 31 Ruth Ann Haedt

Have a Blessed Anniversary!

- 24 Teri & Roger Safs

Living Lutheran

In addition to the magazine, you can receive weekly stories and articles about the upcoming lectionary that can be delivered directly to your e-mail account. (Leave off your email address, if you don't wish to receive them.)

Use a separate form for each gift or personal subscription.
Please turn in this form along with your \$10 payment memo'd "LL" by Nov. 1.

Name

Address

Telephone

E-mail

2021 9:30am Service	October 3, Now the Feast	October 10, Now the Feast	October 17, ELW Setting 3	October 24, ELW Setting 3	October 31, Reformation
Assisting Minister	Mark Pennie	Kevin Gerfen	Sydney Ulrich	Susan Prater	Tricia Auberle
Ushers	Moses & Catherine Vijayakumar	David & Judy Lewis	Stephen & Cindy Haseley	Roger Sahs & Brandon Hearp	Rick & Carol Beier
Greeter	The Lewises	The Cowells	The Gerfens		
Altar Guild	Priscilla Gerfen	Elaine Ackerson	Mary Jo Lanier	Maria Wolff	Priscilla Gerfen & Dorothy Johnson
Flowers	*****	The Beiers	*****	The Hearps	The Sahs
Counters	Michelle Hoerning & Keith Schmidt	Carol Beier & Cindy Haseley	Cindy Haseley & Lori Oltmanns	Priscilla Gerfen & Carol Beier	Michelle Hoerning & Keith Schmidt
Campus Ministry	Thursday, Oct 7 D Johnson	Thursday, Oct 14	Thursday, Oct 21	Thursday, Oct 28 Sahs Family	Thursday, Nov. 4





Salem's Service Ministry is always active, year round. And we could use more help. If you're looking for a way to use your hands for God's work, this is a great way to do so.

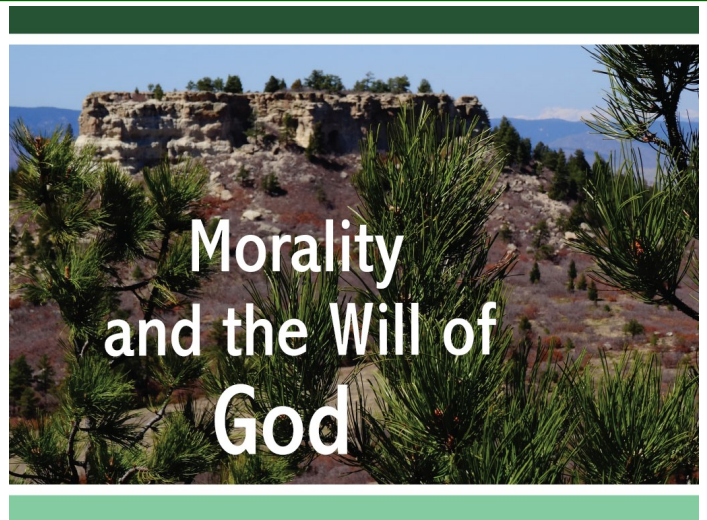
Here's a bit of what this ministry does every year:

- * Bake/Quilt/Craft sales (November/December)
- * Sharing Tree for Oaks kids
(November/December)
- * Offering of Letters (April),
- * Semi Annual Projects- school kits, local and Lutheran World Relief needs (summer & fall)

Some of our past collections:

- * baby items and vitamins for Tanzania
- * tool kits and cleaning items for shelter residents moving to new homes
- * daily items for Mission of Hope
- * Hunger-related programs
- * Salem Soup program

We're looking for new members and new ideas for way to meet the needs of others. Interested or have questions? Contact Priscilla Gerfen at 612-7731 or priscilla@gerfen.com.



Beginning October 3rd, the Adult Discussion class will embark on a four week series titled "Morality and the Will of God: What is the Relationship." The discussions will be led by our own Eric Reitan, OSU Professor of Philosophy.

To quote Pastor, the discussions will deal with the philosophical and theological questions: "Are things either 'good or bad' because God has declared them so, or does God reveal to us what is inherently good or bad? What determines morality -- God's comments or God's nature?"

The Class will continue as a Zoom meeting at 11 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.

Join us for thoughtful discussions on questions that assist in understanding our faith.

Campus Ministry Notes and Thanks:

We are in need of meals for October. Thank you to our September cooks- Elaine Ackerson, Pam Talley, Lisa and Priscilla Gerfen!

Chuck Ayers, a resident at Oakcreek Cohousing community, has baked muffins and cookies for use at our Campus Ministry dinners. Chuck and Ronda provided dinner last year but Chuck wanted to do something different. He loves to bake, obviously. So we thank them for their gifts to the students. The items are in the freezer in the hallway. Anyone cooking, please feel free to get something out. If you have questions, please call Dorothy Johnson 377-1690 or 714-4149.





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Pastor ~ Sally Houck
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Choir Director ~ Elizabeth Albright
Office Coordinator ~ Lisa Murray-Francis
Parish Nurse ~ Cindy Pennie
Media Specialists ~ Olen & Olie Weaver &
Jeremy Hennessey
Peer Minister ~ Sydney Ulrich

CHURCH OFFICE

Hours: Monday 8-Noon, Tuesday-Thursday
8-1pm, Friday 8-11am
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leave a message)
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BAKE-QUILT & CRAFT SALE (DATE TO BE DETERMINED)

We need pies to sell during our (possibly drive thru) sale. To start making pies for us to sell here at the church, here is the recipe. If you need pie plates or paper boxes for the pies, please check with Priscilla Gerfen or Lisa in the office.

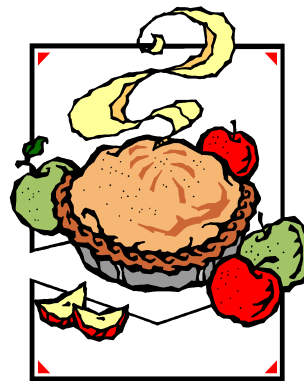
SALEM'S FAMOUS APPLE PIE

Oil Pie Crust for 4 single pie crusts (2 double crust pies)

3 1/2 c. flour	1 c. Oil
1 tsp. salt	6 T. water

Apple Pie filling for 1 pie (double the filling amounts for 2 pies)

1 c. sugar	5 to 6 c. peeled, cored & sliced apples
3 T. flour	
1 tsp. cinnamon	5 pats butter or margarine



Crusts: Mix flour and salt; stir in oil and water, forming a ball. Divide into 4 parts and roll out each between 2 pieces of waxed paper.

Filling: In large bowl, mix together sugar, flour and cinnamon. Mix in prepared apples. Place in crust-lined pie pan. Top with butter. Cover with top crust, add vent and finish edges.

Freeze, or if baking- prewarm oven at 375, put pie in for 10 minutes; reduce heat to 350 for 45 minutes longer, or until apples are done.

*Recipe taken from Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Favorite Recipes Volume 3.
(Salem cookbooks are for sale in the office.)*