

# The SEER

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

JULY 2022



## Services this Summer

### 9:30AM SERVICE

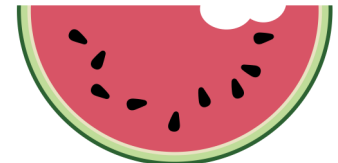
July 3 - Now the Feast  
July 10 - Now the Feast  
July 17 - Now the Feast  
July 24 - Now the Feast  
July 31 - Now the Feast  
  
August 7 Setting 1  
August 14 Setting 1  
August 21 Now the Feast  
August 28 Now the Feast

**The Adult Discussions Class** continues its Zoom discussions of "Biblical Wisdom Literature", on Sundays at 11am. There will be no class on July 17. (Super Celebration Brunch Day!)

Join in the first Tuesday of each month (**July 5 at 6:30pm**) for a Zoom conversation about **racial justice**. It's truly just a conversation, where we talk about things in the news or in articles or in our hearts, and keep learning from each other.

Please contact Pr. Sally if you would like to join or would like more information.

## Summer



## News

Join Us for Brunch



**Save the Date for our Super Celebration Brunch!**  
**July 17th after the 9:30 service.**

Stay after the service and enjoy fellowship time as we congratulate Krystal (37 years!), Elizabeth & Pr. Sally (15 years!)

There is a signup sheet in the Parish Hall  
You can also sign-up to help with set-up and/or clean-up.

### **Salem, Stewardship, and Styrofoam**

A while back, Salem along with the AR-OK Synod delegates, voted to discontinue the use of styrofoam in the congregations. Fortunately, we already have a good supply of melamine plates, ceramic cups, silverware, and glasses, as well as glass reception dishes, and two dishwashers.

Individually, you can help by not purchasing food and drink in styrofoam and by using the recycling bin by the freezer in the hallway for clean recyclable items (Metal, Clean Paper and Plastics 1 and 2). Of course, this is good stewardship and a good way to work together. Thank you all for your help with this.



## *From the Pastor:*

On July 17<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate three anniversaries – Elizabeth Albright and I have served Salem for 15 years, and Krystal Hennessey for...37! These are long tenures in the church world, especially Krystal's. What a treasure it has been to serve with these two...treasures! It is rare, and such a blessing, to have two such accomplished musicians who also care so deeply about the congregation. And it's hard to picture how we could have made it through the pandemic years (still going, kind of!) without them (and their technically talented family members).

On July 17 we will celebrate, and sing together Hymn #851, "When in Our Music God is Glorified", celebrating what Krystal and Elizabeth have made real for us:

*When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride,  
it is as though the whole creation cried, Hallelujah!*

*How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound,  
as worship moved us to a more profound Hallelujah!*

*So has the church, in liturgy and song, in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,  
borne witness to the truth in every tongue: Hallelujah!*

*And did not Jesus sing a Psalm that night when utmost evil strove against the Light?  
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight: Hallelujah!*

*Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!  
And may God give us faith to sing always: Hallelujah! Amen.*

*Pastor Sally*



It's getting to the end of June and time for the Seer and some habits are just hard to break. At this time we do not have a President, so here I am. First I want to thank all of you that were able to attend the Semi-Annual meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Pam Talley was voted our new Council person and Carol Beier, Kevin Gerfen and Paula Long were thanked for their service.

The two meetings we have each year are opportunities to share information about Salem with focus on our Ministries at our June meeting and in December the focus is on our finances and budget. The meetings are also our time to review policies, by-laws and the constitution and vote on any necessary changes. Of course, special meetings can be called if important business prompts it.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>! God's Work, Our Hands Sunday has been a great day to share our time and talents with Our Daily Bread and we are checking to see if Salem can spend a couple of hours volunteering and doing tasks that need to be done. And as we have done in the past let's show them how much Peanut Butter (not Jif, as some is being recalled) we can collect and stock their shelves with, which we will deliver even if it's not a work day. There will be a basket under the coat rack with a Peanut Butter sign on it, so you can start bringing a jar or two any time. I try to buy a couple of jars every couple of weeks to add.

Try to stay cool and stay well. Hugs, *Judy Lewis*



Thanks to all who donated food items or cash to stock our little food pantry – we were able to purchase enough to get us through the summer (yes, the pantry is being “shopped” as much as it was in the spring, so it's not just students in the neighboring apartments who use it). You can still purchase items when you go to the grocery, but the summer heat dictates what we can put there.

The next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday shows up in July. Pending Church Council approval, we'll be collecting for Stillwater Mobile Meals. We have congregation members who benefit from this service.

Although summer has just (officially) started, we are looking ahead to fall activities:

- Oaks kids will visit Salem to attend the September 17 football game – it's a 6pm game, so we'll provide a supper before sending them to the stadium. Because it's an evening game, they will probably leave before the end, but we've been assured that they will stay to sing “Friends in Low Places” with the stadium crowd at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. It's all part of the college experience for them.
- Our annual collection for school supplies for Lutheran World Relief backpacks will begin in late July (as soon as Staples issues their annual school supply savings supplement in the newspaper). If you run into good sales beforehand, here are items to pick up:

70-sheet college-ruled spiral-bound notebooks (no patriotic symbols)

16- or 24-count boxes of crayons

Ruler – must show centimeters as well as inches

Blunt child-safety scissors

Blue or black ballpoint pens (no gel)

Plastic pencil sharpener

Blunt child-safety scissors

Unsharpened #2 pencils

2 ½ “ eraser

We may add a collection of school items for Stillwater's immigrant students – we're waiting to learn about needs

- Christmas will be here before we know it – Reverse Advent calendars will be available by mid-November





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*Anniversaries*

- 2 Catherine & Moses Vijayakumar
- 3 Jess & Susan Prater
- 8 David & Judy Lewis
- 16 Kevin & Priscilla Gerfen
- 18 Jan & Scott Anderson
- 22 Denzil & Lisa Carney
- 31 Laurie & Ken Eastman

*Birthdays*

- 2 Ray Hammergren  
Eric Reitan  
Gwen Tipling
- 3 Wolfgang Mauritz  
Stacie Hearp
- 10 Lucy Kershaw
- 12 Michael Oltmanns
- 13 Chelsey Johnson
- 21 Matthew Schmidt
- 22 Keith Wolfe
- 27 Lois Belden