

The SEER

Salem Lutheran Church

August 2022



SUMMER WORSHIP

August 7 - ELW 1

August 14- ELW 1

August 21 - Now the Feast

3rd Sun. Food Offering

August 28 - Now the Feast

Adult Discussion Class is now beginning at 11:15am. The class is done on the Zoom app. If you would like to participate, and need some help, or just to sign up, please contact Pr. Sally

Our New 2022-2023 Church Council

Thank you all for your service!

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an All-Church Ministry!

Everyone at Salem is involved in Campus Ministry, merely by providing a faith family and worship environment for OSU students.

It's especially important in August and early September to **watch for visiting students in worship** and then make a point to welcome them and invite them to our Thursday evening Dinner and Dialog.

We also need people to sign up to prepare meals. Our first meal is Thursday, August 25th at 6pm. Home-cooked meals are much appreciated by our students. It's always fun to pair up with someone if you don't want to fix the whole meal.

Summer Review by Pr. Sally



The Gragerts come all the way from Colorado with items for the Little Pantry

Priscilla Gerfen & Dorothy Johnson enjoy Coffee Hour



Gipson grand-baby Baptism



Last Sunday before the the Julianto (grand) parents return home after a great visit with the Lovell family

OSDH Reminds Oklahomans to Stay Diligent as COVID-19 Transmission Increases Again!



As COVID-19 transmission continues to increase throughout the state, the State Department of Health (OSDH) is reminding Oklahomans that tools are available to help protect themselves and their loved ones. With at-home, non-reportable tests readily available, it is difficult to know the full scope of current cases, however it is clear transmission has been increasing. Hospitalizations are also increasing, but fortunately at a considerably slower pace than we have seen in previous surges.

“One of the best things you can do if you are symptomatic is to test and stay home,” says Keith Reed, Commissioner of Health. “Taking these precautions will help reduce community transmission. Additionally, there are tools available you can choose to use to protect yourself including good handwashing, testing, vaccination and wearing a mask in high-risk areas. Effective treatments are also available, including antiviral medications and antibody treatment.”

The state has ample supply of vaccine and anti-viral medication. At-home COVID-19 tests are available free through the USPS or for purchase at various retail outlets. On-site testing is also available throughout the state.

Order Free At-home COVID-19 Tests
<https://special.usps.com/testkits>

COVID-19 Testing Sites
<https://oklahoma.gov/covid19/testing-sites.html>

Vaccination & Booster Scheduling
<https://oklahoma.gov/covid19/vaccine-information.html>

ADULT DISCUSSION CLASS

During August the Adult Discussions Class will continue studying "Biblical Wisdom Literature" by Professor Joseph Koterski. The discussions will include the Book of Daniel and the Wisdom of Solomon.

The topics for August will be:

August 7th – "Interlude – Wisdom of Psalms on Perseverance"

August 14th – "Daniel – Wisdom through Dream Visions"

August 21st – "Daniel – God's Providential Plan for History"

August 28th – "The Wisdom of Solomon on Divine Justice"



The Class will continue as a Zoom meeting at a **new time of 11:15 AM on Sunday mornings** following in-person worship at 9:30 AM. This change in time will allow people to participate following Choir practice and give others more time to get home following the after Service Coffee Hour. If you wish to participate contact Pastor and she will put you on E-Mail list for the Class.

Check Your Calendar

Please save Sunday, September 11th after coffee hour as we celebrate God's Work, Our Hands Day at Our Daily Bread.



Everyone is welcome!!

If you have a yellow God's Work t-shirt, feel free to wear it to church and then on to ODB to serve.

With your help we will help fill their shelves with Peanut Butter ! That extra jar you buy now will make a difference! Thanks for all the donations already received. There are boxes for the peanut butter under the south coat rack.



**Eagle Court of Honor for Nate Sahs
Saturday, September 3, 2022**

2:00 p.m.

Salem Lutheran Church

**Eagle Scout Project: Little Food
Pantry at Salem Lutheran Church**

**Everyone is welcome to attend the
ceremony.**

OSU Employees and Students!

Please contact the church office, if you would like to have a weekday parking pass to regularly use the church's back lot. There's no charge for members or Campus Ministry students, but you will need a parking pass. You can print the form from our web page (<http://saemosu.org/>) and bring it by during office hours.

The form and parking pass isn't needed for occasional, parking– Sew-ers, meditation, visitors to the church office..... All other temporary parkers can call the office and let us know where you are parked and for how long &/OR place a bulletin in your front window.

Let friends/students know that our parking is available and is very reasonable. Just \$100 for a full year of weekday parking.



From Your President

Here it is the end of July, Dave and I went to Minnesota for about 10 days, the atrium is still alive thanks to Joanna Gipson and Dorothy Johnson, we were



President's Report

finally able to celebrate the anniversaries for Krystal, Elizabeth and Pastor Sally, and I'm still your president. All of you attending our semi-annual meeting in June remember no one had agreed to take the position. This is my last year on council and, in many ways we're still figuring out who we are after an almost 2 year shutdown and different dynamics, so I agreed I would continue. We are well aware our constitution says the president's term is 2 years, so if you rolled your eyes, grumbled or are okay with the decision, I understand. IF any of you wonder if you would like to serve on council, you are invited to attend a council meeting. Let me know at judyLewis1616@gmail.com or 405-747-9116 and we'll set a date. It will not obligate you.

August will be here in a few days and it will be time for the OSU students to return, the Stillwater kids to go back to school and the traffic will increase. It has always seemed we would get our hottest weather during that time, but I hope July hit the peak and this year it can be a little cooler. Most of our ministries have remained active during these summer months, but we will welcome back Campus Ministry (though some of them have gotten together and had a meal out.) Service Ministry has plans to involve us in caring for school children. Altar in the Garden didn't reschedule because of the heat, but what a smart decision. Watch for the September dates.

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday is September 11th and we are looking forward to volunteering for a couple of hours at Our Daily Bread, watch for details. When grocery shopping, remember to pick up a jar or two of peanut butter to deliver to them. The basket is under the coat rack by the Duck Street entrance. With prices of food going up I can imagine Our Daily Bread is probably feeling the pinch so let's supply them with a generous gift of peanut butter.

Take care, stay well and hugs to all. Judy



SCHOOL KITS *for Kids*

It's Back-to-School time, and for Salem, that means that we gather items to fill Lutheran World Relief School Kits, for distribution to children around the world (including some areas in the US). Simple cloth drawstring backpacks get filled with the tools of a school child. We know from reports globally that these backpacks are cherished by school children because they provide the means to fully participate in learning activities.

Here at Salem, we collect the following items:

Spiral-bound, 70-sheet "college ruled" notebooks

16- and 24-count crayons

Unsharpened #2 pencils

Blue or black ballpoint pens (NOT gel)

2 ½" erasers

Small plastic pencil sharpeners

Blunt (child "safety") scissors

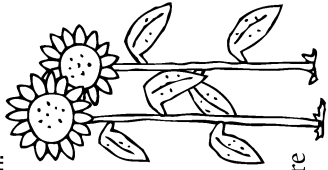
30-centimeter ruler

These items are being collected during the month of August at a table in the hallway outside the Nursery. Shopping lists will be available there. If you don't want to shop, you can make a donation -- just write a check to Salem and put "school kits" in the memo line. If you sew and would be able to make some backpacks, please pick up instructions and pre-cut fabric at the collection table.

This annual service project is truly a participation "sport" at Salem – opportunities for everyone to provide supplies, and make and assemble the kits. For more info, contact Priscilla Gerfen (405-612-7731 or priscilla@gerfen.com).

Follow the Son

Make a sunflower, which turns its head to follow the sun.



What you need:

- Paper plate
- Yellow marker
- Scissors
- Yarn (black and brown)

What you do:

1. Color the entire plate yellow.
2. Around the edge, cut out an odd number of triangles. Evenly space the cuts to form flower petals.
3. Poke a hole in the plate's center. String black yarn through the hole and over one triangle cut. Tie a knot at the back of the plate.
4. Continue looping yarn through the hole and over the remaining cuts. Secure the end. The flower should look like a wagon wheel with black spokes.
5. Tie the brown yarn to a black "spoke." Weave the brown yarn over and under the spokes in a circle. Continue until the sunflower has a large center. Then tie the end.
6. Display your craft as a reminder to follow the Son, Jesus!

PUZZLE

BIRDS IN THE WORD

The Bible mentions many kinds of birds. How many have you seen?

Directions: Unscramble the bird names, using the Bible references and pictures as clues. Then insert the final unscrambled bird name to complete the passage below.



VDEO

_____ (Genesis 8:8)



LWO

_____ (Psalm 102:6)



GEELA

_____ (Isaiah 40:31)



TOKRS

_____ (Jeremiah 8:7)

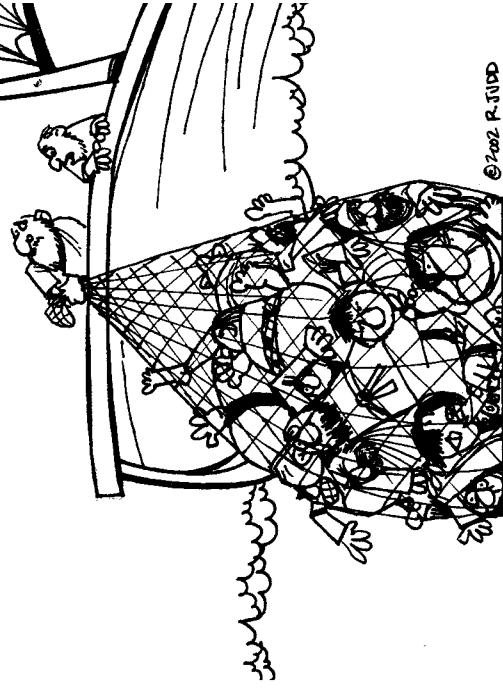


APROSWRS

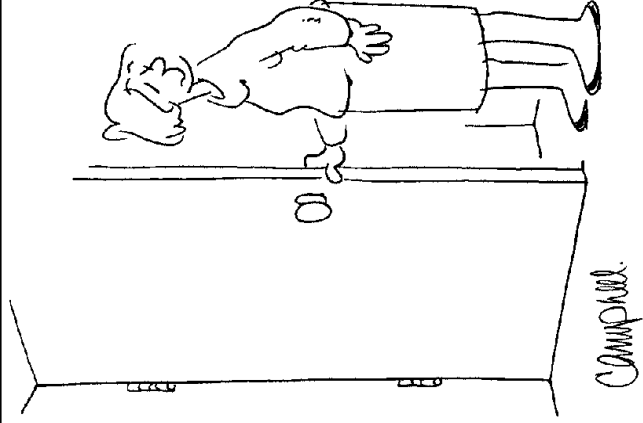
"Are not five _____ sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. ... Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many _____."

LUKE 12:6-7, NIV

I'm pretty sure the "Fishers of Men" thing was a figure of speech.



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CAMPBELL

"I still love my enemy, but he's pushing his luck."



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Thank you, wonderful congregation and council for our fantastic Anniversary Celebration this month. For me, it has been a wonderful 37 years with such a caring and giving group of friends.

We all appreciated the planning and work that it took to make this such a fun filled event and the contribution of delicious food by you all. Thank you for all the special things you do. The cards and the cake were so great and we all appreciate the special gift. We appreciate you!!

Blessings,
Krystal Hennessey



August -Our book is The Gunkle
Priscilla has this book and is willing to loan it out. Please let her know if you want to borrow it.

September's book is The Chicken Sisters
(The library does have this. So, if you don't want to buy this book, contact the library to be placed on the hold list.)