

# The SEER

Salem Lutheran Church

October 2022



**"What started as a seed..."**  
**Salem's "Altar In The Garden" program has returned!**

Some time ago, a seedling of an idea was presented that we, as the church, offer creative ways for individuals to gather in God's name--something that opened our arms and our doors just a little bit wider, and allowed us to love others a little bit louder. Our 'Dream-ing Team' landed on the concept of creating space for learning and praying together with children and families (and even their pets!) . This creation-based avenue for worship will be held four (or so!) times each year in three to four week sessions. Each gathering weaves in a theme that includes learning about selves and others (pause, reflection, observation & fellowship) as we learn about God together.

**October 16: "What Starts as a Seed"**  
**The Parable of the Mustard Seed (Matthew 12:31-32)**

**October 23: "Prayer In The Wilderness"**  
**"But he would withdraw to deserted places and pray" (Luke 5:16)**

**October 30: "The Spirit of the Wind"**  
**Where there is wind (John 3:8)**

**Will you join us?**

All interested will gather at the South end of The Botanic Garden at Oklahoma State (3300 W. 6th St.) at 10:00am. Lawn chairs and clothes comfortable for the weather are recommended.

Wish to learn more, or get involved? Contact: Amie Haar, Director: [togetherweemerge@gmail.com](mailto:togetherweemerge@gmail.com)  
**See you in the garden!**



**You can participate in the Sunday Morning service** in person or on our Facebook Page (Salem Lutheran Church) at 9:30am. After the service finishes, you will find it on our YouTube channel: Salem ELC Stillwater OK.

**Altar in the Garden**, Oct. 16, 23 & 30, OSU Botanical Garden, 10am.

**Sunday Evening Service** 5pm, Oct 9, 16, 23, 30

**Sunday Morning Adult Discussion** on ZOOM at 11:15 .

**Contact Pr. Sally (pastorsally@sbcglobal.net) for information on dialing in or for website info for Zoom meetings.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**  
**OCTOBER 16 -**

October is Rostered Leader Appreciation Month.  
On October 16<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate Pastor Sally with the Famous Salem Bundt Cakes!

Stay after the 9:30 Service and enjoy! There will be a card to sign or bring your own.



We are delighted to bring you an update on ordination candidate Hannah DiPasquale, former member of Salem:

Greetings, Salem! We are on the move again! Michael accepted a tenure-track position at the University of South Alabama, so this summer we left Fort Collins and have moved to Mobile, Alabama! It has been quite the change but we are enjoying it. I have two more semesters left at Wartburg Seminary, as well as a cross-cultural experience in Malaysia & Thailand in January, and then graduation in May! I now also serve as a part-time SAM (Synodically Authorized Minister) at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Mobile. (I get to be in the same synod as Deacon Mary Houck!) I am the solo pastoral presence for the small congregation, where I lead worship and preach every Sunday and am authorized to preside over sacraments for them. As for candidacy, I finished my Internship in Colorado in July, and I am now in the middle of the Approval interviews (the final step before Ordination and First Call). I ask for your prayers as Michael and I discern what next steps will be after I graduate and as I begin first call conversations with my bishops. I hope you all are doing well, and I am truly SO grateful for all the support our Salem family has provided! It is a gift to share this journey with you.

**Note: Our Fifth Sunday Offering in October will be to support Hannah as she finishes her journey.**



### It's Apple Pie Making Time!

We would like to encourage everyone to make the Salem apple pies at home, and then freeze them, for the bake sale in December. There are plenty of disposable pie plates available on top of the freezer in the North hallway.

The recipe is in the Salem cookbook on page 111. Come by the office to pick up a copy, if you don't have one.





First thing that comes to my mind as I think about September is the successful day we had at Our Daily Bread. Rachel, the Director, thanked me before I left and said how pleased she was with all the tasks we accomplished and she loved all the fellowship between our members. And we know 109 jars of peanut butter will go to help families eat better. So many thanks to all of you who donated peanut butter and who donated your time to God's Work, Our Hands. It was a great day!

It's been nice to see the OSU students join us on Sunday morning's and bring their friends. I know Campus Ministry enjoys a good meal and stimulating bible study on Thursday evenings.

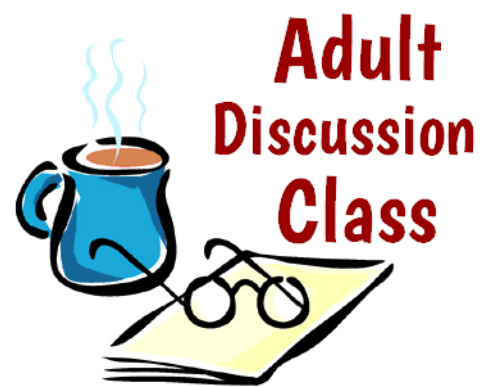
At the last Synod Assembly they voted on a resolution to study becoming a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Synod, which means everyone is welcome in our Synod. Every congregation was encouraged to study what this means. A small group has been started. For now we are only trying to figure out what RIC means. We meet at Salem on a Friday at 11:30 – 1:00 and if you would like to be included, let me know.

And speaking of April's Synod Assembly, in December we will elect a male voting member. Guys, if you are interested, let Pastor Sally or I know. This will be an interesting year as the Assembly will elect a new Synod Bishop, and it may take 4-5 ballots. Bishop Mike announced last year that he will not seek another term.

**HEADS UP:** The month of October is Rostered Leader Appreciation month and we have selected the 16<sup>th</sup> to show our appreciation for Pastor Sally. We will be celebrating with Bundt Cakes! There will be a card to sign. Sounds like a perfect combination and hope it fits your schedule!

So many thanks to all of you for all you do!

Be safe and well. Hugs, Judy



## Adult Discussion Class

During October the Adult Discussion Class will continue with “Biblical Wisdom Literature” based on lectures by Professor Joseph Koterski. The discussions focus on the Wisdom of Solomon from the Old Testament and Jesus as a wisdom teacher.

The topics include:

- October 2nd– “The Wisdom of Solomon on Prayer”
- October 9th– “The Wisdom of Solomon on Devine Providence”
- October 16th– “Interlude – A Wisdom Psalm on Torah”
- October 23rd– “Jesus as a Wisdom Teacher”
- October 30th– “Jesus and the Wisdom Stories in the Gospels”

The Class is a Zoom meeting at 11:15 on Sunday mornings following in-person worship at 9:30 AM. This change in time allows people to participate following choir practice and give others more time to get home following coffee after the Service.

If you wish to participate contact Pastor ([pastorsally@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pastorsally@sbcglobal.net)) and she will put you on E-Mail list for the Class.

Join us for thoughtful discussions on the Biblical foundations of our faith.

# Revealing the invisible



Create some invisible art and then reveal the seasonal design.

## What you need:

- Leaves
- White paper
- White crayon (label removed)
- Watercolor paints
- Water
- Paintbrush

## What you do:

1. Gather leaves of different shapes and sizes. On a table, arrange them flat without overlaps. Set the paper over them.
2. Hold the crayon sideways and use the long edge to color over the leaves. You'll make an invisible rubbing of them.
3. Then paint over the paper with watercolors. The areas with crayon will resist the paint and reveal the hidden leaf designs.

## Bible Quiz

Which of the following is not called a "fruit of the Spirit" — but probably could be?

- A. love
- B. faithfulness
- C. self-control
- D. gratitude
- E. gentleness

Answer: D (See Galatians 5:22-23.)

## Bible Quiz

Which king allowed — even encouraged — the Judean exiles to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple?

- A. Cyrus of Persia
- B. Tiglath-pileser of Assyria
- C. Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon
- D. Hiram of Tyre

Answer: A (See Ezra 1:1-4.)

## Bible Quiz

In Luke 15 Jesus tells three parables. Which of the following is not one of them?

- A. The Parable of the Lost Sheep
- B. The Parable of the Lost Son
- C. The Parable of the Lost Pearl
- D. The Parable of the Lost Coin

Answer: C (See Luke 15:1-32.)



"You sound much better today, Dear."



"In my day, kids just drew on the bulletin during church."

Chapman



# Birthdays & Anniversaries in October

## Anniversary

24 Teri & Roger Sahs

We need your **articles** for our monthly newsletter. Please send articles/news items in to the Church office around the Third Monday of each month. We love photos and graphics!

## Birthdays

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

This seemed appropriate for a church on Duck Street!



Danish philosopher Søren Kierkegaard told this parable about a town filled with ducks.

In a land inhabited only by ducks, all the residents waddled to church one fine Sunday, with ducklings following behind their parents. They entered the Duck Church doors, got situated in their proper pews, sang from the Duck Hymnal and then listened to Duck Minister preach from the Duck Bible (yes, even ducks have their own preferred version of Scripture).

“Ducks, God has given you wings!” the preacher shouted. “With wings you can fly like eagles! You can soar into the sky! No walls can confine you! No fences can hold you! God has given us wings, and we can know the utter euphoria of unfettered freedom! Do you believe you can fly?” In response, the duck congregation all shouted, “Amen!” Then they left their pews ... and all waddled back home.



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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  
Media Specialists ~ Olie Weaver,  
Olen Weaver & Jeremy Hennessey  
Peer Minister- Aspen Lenning

## CHURCH OFFICE

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Our Sunday evening services will resume at 5pm, October 9th. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy.

Our October Fifth Sunday (10/30) Offering will go to support Salem's seminarian, Hannah DiPasquale.

The Reading Buddies and Books program that we have been collecting for will come to an end October 30. Thank you for all the creative gifts!

Cindy Pennie, our Parish Nurse, asked us to share- "The Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) is implementing a program that provides free self-tests to identify human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) to Oklahomans. Kits can be ordered online at [endinghivoklahoma.org](http://endinghivoklahoma.org), or by calling SHHR at (405) 426-8400.

Book Club is reading The French Braid (the library has this one) by Anne Tyler. October meeting is on the 31st. If you are interested in joining this Zoom group, please contact Priscilla Gerfen at [Priscilla@gerfen.com](mailto:Priscilla@gerfen.com) or 405-612-7731. The November book is Beloved by Tony Morrison.

Our Treasurer, Scott Wolff, is asking that ministry budgets be submitted by the committees before the end of October. Thank you!

A male voting member is needed for the spring 2023 Synod Assembly in Tulsa. If you are interested, contact Pr. Sally or Judy Lewis.