

The SEER

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

JUNE 2023

Our in person and on-line service is at 9:30am
on Facebook at
[Salem Lutheran Church](#) or
anytime on YouTube
[Salem ELC Stillwater OK](#)

If you would like the link to the service sent to you on
Monday, please contact Lisa in Salem's office.

In June there will be no Sunday Morning Adult
Discussion on Zoom- only in person.

Nursery open to parents and children.



Pentecost
Salem is a Pentecost People
Receive the Spirit



Reach out to others--
Prayer for one
Write to one
Invite one to church

FROM YOUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT



As I start to write my last “From Your President” I can’t help but reflect on the past 4 years. This is my 6th year on council and 4th as your president. When I first joined council Carol Beier was president and everything was going well. Of course, every month has items to discuss and vote on, but luckily there were no major issues. As I took over from Carol we continued with the business at hand. Then in March, 2020 Covid hit the country. Everything changed and Salem closed to all in-person activities. But we quickly adapted and Services were recorded and we all watched from the comfort of our home with a cup of coffee. Most of us didn’t realize what it took to produce those services. With the great help from Olen Weaver and Jeremy Hennessey, Pastor Sally, Elizabeth and Krystal were all recorded individually and then the service was put together. We were able to celebrate communion outside masked 3 times. We resumed in person services May 2, 2021, masked, distant seating, no coffee hour. On March 22, 2022 masks were optional, coffee hour resumed and the church was open for activities.

During the shutdown and till now our ministries have continued to be active and accomplish much. In no particular order the Butterfly Garden was planted and is flourishing, thanks to Lawson Hearp for making this his Eagle Scout project. Supported Our Daily Bread with peanut butter and then last year once again we were able to go as a congregation and do tasks that needed our help. We have provided school bags with school supplies, collected hats and mittens for school children, collected cleaning items for schools. Salem helps maintain Nate Sahs Eagle Project the Little Pantry, that helps our neighbors when they need it. Thanks Nate. Last August we added live-streaming for Sunday Services, seasonal services and funerals as further outreach to those not able to attend in person. Pledges were fulfilled and we’ve enjoyed Confirmation, our new members and celebrated baptisms. I know I am not remembering everything, but those things come to mind. Most importantly, we’ve been able to worship together and hear the good news taught by our Lord.



We’ve definitely missed the members who have chosen not to return in person. We know some have health concerns, a few families moved, different routines and family circumstances change. Our hope is that they are watching on-line and know they are missed and welcome anytime.

Salem is going to continue to be busy and hopefully growing. We will be forming a Call Committee, calling a pastor, deciding if we want to be a Reconciling in Christ congregation and how do we support our neighbors. It is a testimony of the love we have for our church and members. Big thanks to all! As I go off council and end my presidency, I leave ready and humbled. I will miss not knowing the work of Salem. I will miss getting to know better and work with the great members that have served on council during the 6 years. Thank you for allowing me the honor of serving as your president. I appreciate all the support I have received and encouraging words that made it a joy. I love Salem!

Stay well, be strong and hugs to all of you.

Judy Lewis



June

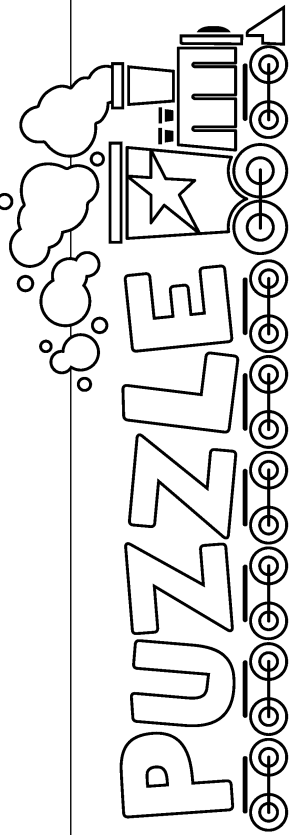
Birthdays &
Anniversaries

Anniversary Blessings!

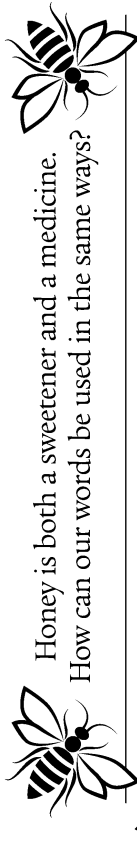
- 4 Joanna & Terry Gipson
- 7 Doy & Roger Merkel
- 11 Olen Weaver & Elizabeth Albright
- 18 Krystal & Tom Hennessey

Happiest Birthdays!

- 2 Keith Schmidt
- 6 Mark Pennie
- 8 Nicholas Sahs
- 10 Kay Headrick
- 11 David Lewis
- Shelley Schmidt
- 12 Jason Lavery
- 15 Kevin Oltmanns
- 16 Roger Merkel
- 17 Alane Zannotti
- 18 Paula Long
- 20 Joanne Barrick
- Patricia Darlington
- 21 Tom Hennessey
- 29 Laikyn Anderson



As sweet as honey



Honey is both a sweetener and a medicine.
How can our words be used in the same ways?




Directions: Use the hexagon key to fill in the missing vowels and complete Proverbs 16:24, NIV.

GrOCCOOOS wORDs

ORC O hOnOCComb,

SWOOt tO thO SOOL

OnD hOOlOnG 

tO thO bOnOS.



PROVERBS 16:24, NIV

Answer: Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. Proverbs 16:24, NIV



For three Sunday mornings in June, Pr Dawn will lead us as we dig into the history and context of a few biblical passages some Christians find troubling and how they reveal the love of God in Christ.

The study group will gather at 10:50 after church on June 4, 18, and 25. Please send Pastor Dawn an email or text (revdawnok@gmail.com, 405-361-2265) to sign up for the class. Materials will be emailed each Friday.

In July and August we would normally go back to “The History of Christian Theology” by Phillip Cary, which would be a mix of Zoom and in-person discussion. **We’ll have a short meeting on June 25 to decide if we want to continue through the summer.**

Salem!

You all have done so much for me- including the latest thoughtful graduation gift. Thank you all for being so kind and welcoming!

Best, Aspen Lenning



Rick and Carol Beier have a new address - 404 E 55th St., Apt 11B, New York, NY 10022

As does Lynn Lester-
4818 Berkman Dr., #11157
Austin, TX 78723

And Lori & Kevin Oltmanns-
5818 W Spring Hill Ct.
Stillwater 74074

June’s Semi-Annual Meeting

The Annual Report will be sent out to members by Friday, June 2. A few paper copies will be available Sunday, June 4th, if you can’t access it on-line.

Please look over the congregational directory before our meeting. Everyone is being asked to list 6 people from our congregation that they feel would be good on the Call Committee, it will all be anonymous.

Please bring your copy of the booklet or the agenda to the meeting the next week, Sunday, June 11. All are welcome.



Living Lutheran Magazine

As many of you saw in the last issue of Living Lutheran, they do not plan to print the magazine after the current subscriptions expire in the late fall.

They are going to an on-line presence and are going to email articles at apparently no charge.

If you would like to continue enjoying the information the magazine provides, please sign-up at-
<https://www.livinglutheran.org/edigest-signup/>



The letter from the company is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.



A Special Invitation

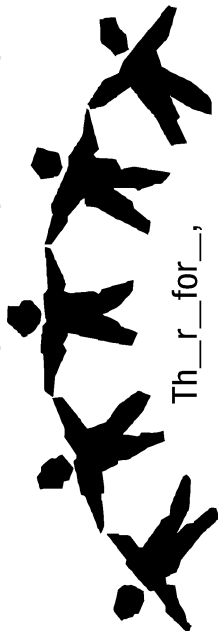
An Invitation!

Prince of Peace Lutheran in Ponca City has invited us to join them for the Bishop's final sermon as Bishop on Sunday, June 25 at 11am. The service will be followed by a Pot-Luck. There will also be an offering going to his favorite charity. If you would like to attend, please call Prince of Peace at 580-762-7698.

The original invitation is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Puzzle!

Complete this Bible passage by adding the missing vowels.



Th_r_for_
_s G_d's ch_s_n p__pl_

h_ly nd d__rly l_v_d, cl_th

y__rs lv_s w_th c__mp__ss__n,

k_ndn__ss, h_m_l_ty, g_ntl_n__ss

nd p_t__nc_. B__r w_th

__ch__th_r__nd f_rg_v__n__

n__th_r__f__ny__f__y__h_s__

gr_v_nc__g__nst s_m__n__.

F_rg_v__s__th__rd__f_rg_v__y__.

C_l__ss__ns 3:12-13, N_V

Answer: Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:12-13, NIV

MINISTRY STAFF

Interim Pastor ~ Dawn Enderwood
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

Hours: Monday thru Thursday 8am-1pm
Friday- 9 - 11am

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372-0879 (please leave a message!)

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Church Website: salemsstillwaterok.org

Walt Whitman's description of life as poetry when we live certain ways, and God as "the greatest poet":

"This is what you shall do: Love the earth and sun and the animals, despise riches, give alms to every one that asks, stand up for the [vulnerable], devote your income and labor to others, hate tyrants, argue not concerning God, have patience and indulgence toward the people, ... and your very flesh shall be a great poem and have the richest fluency. ... The known universe has one complete lover and that is the greatest poet. ... His love above all love has leisure and expanse."

(From preface to *Leaves of Grass*,



BOOK CLUB

Book Club meets the last Monday of each month at 7pm. If you have time for summer reading, here are a few books to read, contemplate and discuss.

JUNE: *Horse* (Geraldine Brooks)

JULY: *Midnight at the Blackbird Café* (Heather Webber)

AUGUST: *Lessons before Dying* (Ernest Gaines)

SEPTEMBER: *The Personal Librarian* (Marie Benedict)