

# The SEER

**SALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**JUNE 2024**

## SUMMER SERVICES

9:30 AM

June 2- Now the Feast- RIC Service

June 9- Now the Feast- Semi-Annual Meeting 10:45

June 16- Now the Feast- Father's Day

June 23- Now the Feast

June 30- Now the Feast

You can find our services on Facebook at

[Salem Lutheran Church](#) or

[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.

Our nursery is open to parents and children.



Dear Salem family,

I've been grateful to know that I have been on Salem's prayer list for the past few weeks. Here is what happened: I went to North Carolina April 20 to help care for my mother, who had suffered a couple of mild strokes. There I developed a few odd symptoms and John advised me to go to the ER for suspected gall bladder trouble. I had surgery to remove it but was later dismayed to learn that I have a rare gall bladder cancer. John came out to fetch me and the last couple of weeks have been filled with tests and procedures to determine the best course of action. I now await a schedule for chemotherapy. This is a tough cancer to deal with, but I am ready to give it a fight. Of course my family and I will be most appreciative of your prayers, as you have prayed for us so often in the past.

"For God alone my soul waits in silence;  
from him comes my salvation.  
He alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my fortress; I shall never be shaken." Psalm 62:1-2

Pastor Sally



In celebration of Salem's commitment to be a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation, Pr. Peter Olson will lead our Sunday, June 2nd service. June is known around the world as Pride Month. Special thanks to Pr. Peter for his leadership, the Worship and Music Ministry for selecting appropriate music and intentions, and for Pam Talley who created the beautiful heart banner (which currently hangs in the parish hall).

Also-

June is a Fifth Sunday month and the Service Ministry has okayed offerings contributed to "Fifth Sunday" in June will be dedicated to Reconciling Works. Reconciling Works is the ELCA adjunct organization which supports ELCA congregations, synods, colleges, seminaries, and other organizations in their efforts toward inclusivity, welcome and affirmation.

And-

Stillwater's PRIDE FEST which was previously scheduled for April 27 and was cancelled for wind and rain has been rescheduled for June 22nd 10am-3pm at Southern Woods Park (600 W 12th St). Salem is a sponsor of this event and we have several hundred packages of rainbow goldfish (with beautiful cards designed by Amie Haar with info about Salem attached) to distribute to the FEST attendees. Please join us as volunteer representatives of Salem.

*If you have any questions or want to be involved, please contact Pat Darlington or any of our RIC team.*



## Community Picnic

**June 15, 2024, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**Southern Woods Park - 600 West 12th Ave. (between Knoblock and Washington Street.)**  
Celebrate Juneteenth with **live music, free hotdogs, food trucks, inflatables for kids, games, prizes, and more.** This family-friendly, free community event has **activities for all ages.**

Juneteenth, short for "June Nineteenth," is the celebration of the day in 1865 when enslaved Americans in Galveston, Texas finally received word that they were free and officially recognized as citizens. Black Americans began commemorating Juneteenth with celebrations across the country. In 2021, the US government declared Juneteenth an official holiday. Learn more about the history at [www.history.com/news/what-is-juneteenth](http://www.history.com/news/what-is-juneteenth).

The Juneteenth Celebration has been organized through the collaborative efforts of Stillwater Community United, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Visit Stillwater, the City of Stillwater, the Stillwater Police Department, the Stillwater Fire Department, and the Stillwater Public Library.





Gracious God, we thank you for those we love but see no more.

If anyone would like to send condolences to the Hanson families, the addresses are:

Peter & Catalina Hanson  
9 Hallshire Ct, Dallas, TX 75225

Jon Hanson & Emily Tsao  
10190 Cedar Pond Dr,  
Vienna, VA 22182

Lutheran Disaster Response reminded us that donations are needed to continue their work here in the US, as well as other parts of the world. To contribute....

**Lutheran Disaster Response  
P.O. Box 1809**

**Merrifield, VA 22116-8009**

Or by phone at **800-638-3522**

(Pre-printed, postage paid envelopes are attached to the bulletin board in the main hall. Please help yourself.)

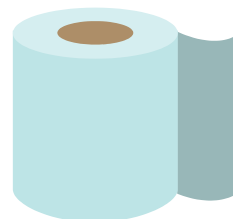
If you would like to support the Red Cross, and Cindy's disaster work, contribute at .....

ARC/Northern Oklahoma  
POB 258820  
OKC, OK 73125-8820

Service Ministry

## Spring/Summer Service Project

During June, we will collect **paper towels and toilet paper** for Mission of Hope – the senior case worker there says that these are their most needed items. They also want bottled water, but we decided that bottled water is logistically difficult due to bulk and weight – however if you would like, take donations of water directly to MoH. To donate to this project, plz mark your checks Service Ministry- MOH and we'll order a case of TP and towels to be delivered directly to MofH.



Note – our regular fall project to collect items to fill **backpacks with school supplies** will begin mid-August. We have

a lot of some of the items from last summer's collection, so we won't be asking for more of those. The items we DO need are: 70-page "college-ruled" or "wide-rules" spiral notebooks, 2-inch erasers, pencil sharpeners, child-safe scissors and 12- or 24 - count crayons.

### Little Pantry-

we are introducing fresh fruit and vegetables over the summer

months. If you have extra garden items, please leave them in the silver fridge marked for the Little Pantry. Thank you!



## Invitation to Lutheran Summer Music 2024

Lutheran Summer Music announces its 42nd season, offering over 30 free and open-to-the-public concerts and recitals. All events take place this July at Valparaiso University's Chapel of the Resurrection and Center for the Arts, and most will be livestreamed. Performances and services are shared by over 250 students, faculty, fellows, worship staff, and guest artists who come together to create a vibrant community of music-makers. The LSM 2024 season will culminate during Festival Week (July 21-28), featuring the LSM Festival Band, Choir, and Orchestra, a Festival of Hymns, and closing each day with sung Evening Prayer.

Of special note, the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians (ALCM) will join the LSM community and offer an intergenerational performance of J.S. Bach's St. John Passion.

Visit [LSMacademy.org/2024](https://LSMacademy.org/2024) for a full list of events and to access the livestream.

## *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



## *Anniversary Blessings!*

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



The **diakonia™** Program

(From the Synod)

## Summer Book Study

Thursdays, July 11, 18, 25  
6-9pm

Book to be studied is *The World is About to Turn: Mending a Nation's Broken Faith* by Rick Rouse & Paul O. Ingram (need to purchase and read to participate)

July 11- Intro & Chapters 1 & 2, pages 1-27  
+overview Growing in Faith, Year A

July 18- Chapters 3-5, pages 28-69  
+overview Growing in Faith, Year B

July 25- Chapters 6, 7 & Epilogue, pages 70-105  
+additional offering from beyond diakonia

To participate contact Douglas Wood  
dwood1955@hotmail.com

Salem Lutheran Church,

Thank you all so much  
for the \$50 Visa!

I plan to use it for  
furniture for my new  
apartment.

It was good seeing  
everyone again!

~Nate Wolfe



"Thank you for the  
gift card for my  
graduation! It will  
be used when I head  
off to WSU."

~Matthew Schmidt

# Volunteer List

Thank you all for serving!

2024	June 2 After Pentecost Now the Feast	June 9 After Pentecost Now the Feast	June 16 After Pentecost Now the Feast	June 23 After Pentecost Now the Feast	June 30 After Pentecost Now the Feast
Assisting Minister 9:30	Tyler Bartholome	Jared Smith	Priscilla Gerfen	Keith Schmidt	Joanna Gipson
Ushers 9:30	Tracy Nordquist	Marvin Schiever	Jess and Susan Prater	Dorothy Johnson	Ken and Jan Bartels
Greeters 9:30	Pam Talley	Judy and Dave Lewis	Rick & Annette Cowell	Pat Roark	Elaine & Bruce Ackerson
Altar Guild	Maria Moccia-Wolff, Dorothy Johnson	Joanna Gipson	Dorothy Johnson	Elaine Ackerson	Priscilla Gerfen
Counters	Lori Oltmanns and Maria Moccia-Wolff	Michelle Ratzlaff and Keith Schmidt	Cindy Haseley and Paula Long	Paula Long and Priscilla Gerfen	Terry Gipson and Michelle Ratzlaff
Coffee Hour	Kevin & Priscilla Gerfen	Semi-Annual Meeting-Council	The Bash Family	The Lovell Family	Teri & Roger Sahs
Altar Flowers	Annette Cowell				

## Stillwater Community United invited us to a Inter-Faith Music Brunch

Sunday June 9, 2024 - Come and Go from 8-11 am, so you can come to Salem's service also. In the enormous tent on the First Baptist Church lawn- 701 S Duncan.

This event is a part of the 3 Day Dancing Turtle Community Multi-Arts Festival.

Food is free and provided by the Lion's Club, Music includes: Mt. Zion Baptist Choir, Hymns in English and indigenous languages of Otoe and Muscogee Creek, Hugh Foley and more.





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### MINISTRY STAFF

Director of Music ~ Krystal Hennessey  
Choir Director ~ Elizabeth Albright  
Office Coordinator ~ Lisa Murray-Francis  
Parish Nurse ~ Cindy Pennie  
Media Specialists ~ Olie Weaver,  
Peer Minister ~ Cara Hubenett

### CHURCH OFFICE

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

**Telephone numbers:** 405-372-3074,  
372-0879 (please leave a message!)

**Email Address:** [salemelc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:salemelc@sbcglobal.net)

**Church Website:** [salemstillwaterok.org](http://salemstillwaterok.org)

## June's Semi-Annual Meeting

The Annual Report has been sent out by email. A few paper copies will be available Sunday, June 4th. Please pick one up if you can't access it on-line.

Please look over the congregational report before our meeting, so if there are any questions or suggestions, those can be addressed.

If you want one, please print a copy of the agenda and bring it to the meeting.

Sunday, June 4.  
All are welcome to attend after the 9:30am service.



## 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 24: *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson- bookclub kit book

JULY 29: *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride

AUGUST 26: *Once We Were Wolves* by Charlotte McConaghy