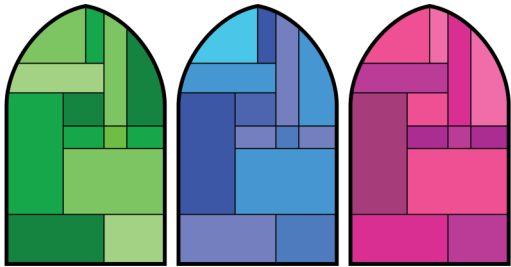


The SEER

Salem Lutheran Church

November 2024



Welcome to Worship

Nov 3 - All Saints, ELW, Setting 3
Daylight Savings Time
Stephen Haseley, Communion Service

Nov 10 - Service of the Word
Mark Pennie, no communion

Nov 17 - Setting 1
Third Sunday Food Offering
Pr. Josh Johnson, Communion Service

Nov 24 – Christ the King, ELW setting 1
Stephen Haseley, no communion

Our Sunday Morning Service is at 9:30am.

Our on-line service is on Facebook at

[Salem Lutheran Church](#)

or anytime on YouTube

[Salem ELC Stillwater OK](#)

We have coffee hour after the service.

Adult Discussion is at 11am on Zoom and in person in the All Purpose room by the offices.

We also have a second class "Future Faith", that meets in the library. Everyone is welcome!

Child care is available 9am until noon each Saturday.

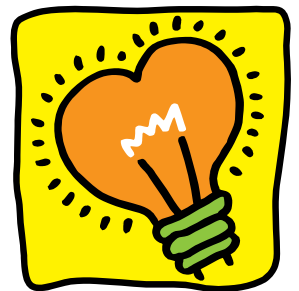
The Importance of Involvement

JFK famously said, "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country." This sentiment goes beyond patriotism and speaks generally to involvement. How being involved allows one to be more integrated, and invested, in a larger organization. Whereas JFK was trying to induce patriotism for the country through involvement, the same can be said for our local congregation as Salem Lutheran.

My own experience has helped me become more invested in our congregation. Beyond attendance, I joined the building and grounds committee last year and was thrilled to get to know other congregants on level other than at coffee hour. Similarly, I was asked to join the Stewardship committee and then later the church council. At these levels, I get to see the more intricacies of how a church functions. And, again, I get to meet with and work with a wonderful variety of people that I would not have gotten to know better otherwise.

Through involvement at these various levels, I feel more invested in my church committee and genuinely want to see it grow and thrive. This month is stewardship month where the church asks for donations and charitable giving. Consider giving your time too to the church and see which committees could use your expertise. I think you'll find that it benefits you as much as the church.

Jim Long



**SERVE
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November Gifts

Birthdays

- 1 Priscilla Gerfen
Trey Ratzlaff
- 2 Maegen Schmidt
Jim Long
- 7 Jesslyn Lovell
- 11 David Auberle
- 12 Ken Bartels
- 21 Roger Sahs
- 26 Belinda Hambergren
- 28 Morgan Scott
- 29 Maria Wolff

*Have a
blessed
year!*

Anniversaries

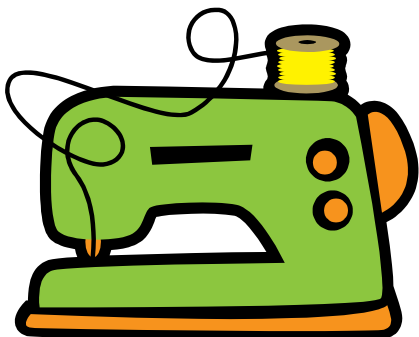
- 30 Ruth Ann & Darald Haedt

Sew-ers Holiday Schedule

- Nov 3 9-11:30
- Nov 10 9-11:30
- Nov 17 9-11:30
- Nov 27 No Sew-ers, Thanksgiving Week

- Dec 4 9-11:30, Set up for Quilt Sale
- Dec 7 8-noon, Quilt - Bake - Craft Sale
- Dec 11 Clean up for year

- Dec 18, 25 & Jan 1 holiday break
- Jan 8- Sew-ers resume



Everyone is welcome to join in for special projects, quilting, coffee & conversation! (You don't have to be able to sew!)



We all know seasons change, and we're now coming into a season that many of us might not remember but that has important implications for the church. This is the time of year that seminary students begin call discernment and people with families interested in moving seek to find new locations so kids can start new years at new schools. For us, this means that our call process which had been stalled may be starting to move forward again!

We do not have any formal candidates right now, but the bishop assures that is soon to change. The process isn't fast, but it is moving. Please continue to pray for us and our pastor yet to be found!

Peace, The Call Committee



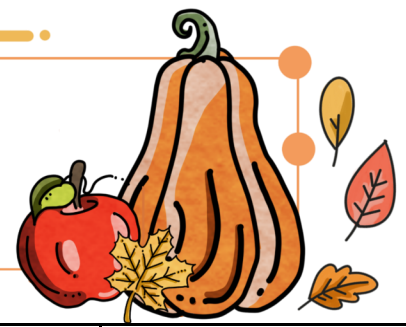
SYNOD WIDE *Chapel Service*

Join people from around the synod as we worship together in Thanksgiving on Tuesday, November 26 at 7pm on Zoom. (There will be no Thursday chapel service on Thanksgiving Day.) Senior seminarian Breck Cogswell will be preaching.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81658865516?pwd=ZythUjhrOFB3T3BHMS9Bd1B5LzBodz09>



November Volunteers



2024	<i>November 3 After Pentecost All Saints</i>	<i>November 10 After Pentecost Service of the Word</i>	<i>November 17 After Pentecost Setting 1</i>	<i>November 24 Christ the King</i>
<i>Assisting Minister 9:30</i>	Priscilla Gerfen	Keith Schmidt	Joanna Gipson	Tricia Auberle
<i>Ushers 9:30</i>	Tracy Nordquist and Pat Darlington	Ken and Jan Bartels	Catherine Vijayakumar and Dorothy Johnson	Roger and Teri Sahs
<i>Greeters 9:30</i>	Judy and Dave Lewis	Elaine and Bruce Ackerson	Pat Roark	Annette and Rick Cowell
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Joanna Gipson	Shelley Schmidt	Elaine Ackerson, and Maria Wolff	Dorothy Johnson
<i>Counters</i>	Priscilla Gerfen and Michelle Ratzlaff	Keith Schmidt and Terry Gipson	Lori Oltmanns and Cindy Haseley	Paula Long and Maria Moccia-Wolff
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	The Ackersons		The Bashes	The Sahs
<i>Altar Flowers</i>	Pam Talley		The Sahs	
<i>Campus Ministry Dinner</i>	November 7 The Sahs	November 14 The Prathers	November 21	November 28 No dinner



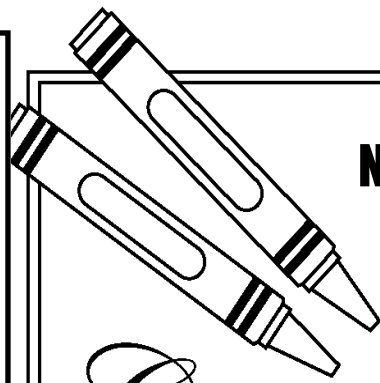
A House United

When President Lincoln declared in 1858, "A house divided against itself cannot stand," he was echoing Jesus.

Scribes thought Jesus was casting out demons by Satan's power, so Jesus responded, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ... If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand" (Mark 3:23-25, NIV). There are countless modern examples: Civil wars. Families torn apart. Business partners going separate ways. Even churches splitting.

Jesus used the "house divided" image to point out the nonsense of the scribes' words. It takes someone *other than* the "strong man" (v. 27), or demon, to cast that demon out. Evil can't drive out evil. Sin isn't stronger than sin. Hate doesn't solve hate. Violence doesn't end violence. Two wrongs don't make a right.

Jesus came to "bind" evil with goodness, conquer hate with love and teach us the same. Throughout the gospels, Jesus treats *all* people with love — even those who oppose him — so that, in the end, we all will be a house *united* by God's goodness.



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Counting Our Blessings

THANKSGIVING IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO "COUNT OUR BLESSINGS."

GOD BLESSES EACH OF US DAILY IN SO MANY WAYS. SOLVE THE FOLLOWING MATH PROBLEMS. THEN WRITE THE WORDS ON THE NUMBERED LINES BELOW TO COMPLETE EPHESIANS 1:3, NIV.



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EPHESIANS 1:3, NIV

Answer: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ."



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Welcome to Confirmation!!!

On August 14th, the Synod held our first Confirmation Class with 18 total participants including 4 adult leaders and 14 students from 9 congregations across the Synod. We had a blast together as we learned a little about each other and started our earliest conversations about scripture. There is still time to join this year! If you have kids who may be interested in joining our program through the Synod, please reach out to Pastor Peter at peter@aokelca.org

ARKANSAS OKLAHOMA



5TH-12TH GRADERS

**EVERY OTHER
WEDNESDAY NIGHT
ON ZOOM**



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