



The Salem Light

Newsletter of the Congregation of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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July/August 2019

Pastor's Ponderings.....

In the good ol' summer time, in the good ol' summertime... Yes, it is definitely summer. One can tell by the high humidity, climbing temperatures, rain, baseball, picnics and mosquitoes. School is out and the children are busy outdoors running and playing "Hide and Seek," climbing trees, splashing in water, catching fireflies and caught up in wonderment.

Methinks grownups would like to have the summertime off too. What would you do if you did have the summer off? How would you play, what would you explore, and where would your mind wonder?

Exodus 20:8 (NIV) reminds us, "*Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.*" Now, the Lord's commandment was far more than keeping Sunday as a day of worship. God had worked really hard creating the world. I can't imagine God getting tired; however, what I can imagine is God kicking back, putting feet up and with hands behind the head, looking over all that surrounded the Almighty Trinity. Breathing in the fresh, salty, and aromatic air. Playing in the sand, maybe even writing love letters to the curious creatures in the sea, the feathered ones soaring about, or furry ones creeping near for a closer look. Like a clock keeper I also imagine the Trinity watching the timing of the sun's rising and setting, along with the moon's phases. What other imaginings might you be wondering at this moment?

Sabbath is far more than one day or one hour. The Lord knew we needed time to be engaged with the Lord. To celebrate creation. To discover the fruitfulness of work. To wonder and wander and explore with the Lord what living is and can be. Ahh, and so much more...

Remember the Sabbath by keeping it holy. How do we keep the Sabbath holy? Setting aside time to check on our neighbors and each other... and how God is tending to you and me, all of us...God's prize garden. Remember the nursery rhyme...*Mary, Mary quite contrary how does your garden grow? All the flowers, all the colors,*... all grows together.

Salem is setting aside the first Sunday of the months of July, August and September to celebrate God's creation, to catch up with one another and grow together during Fellowship / Coffee Hour.

- July 7th we celebrate American Berry and Apple Pie Sunday.
- August 4th celebrates the Dog Days of August with Hot Dog Sunday
- September 1st we celebrate Ice Cream Sundae Sunday

Please set aside these special dates and we'd love your help as you are able to assist with any one of the celebrations. It should be a fun time of sharing our stories!

Blessed to be a flower with you in God's garden,

Pastor Betty Lou



Sunday Worship Assistants July - August, 2019

Sunday, July 7th (American Pie Sunday)

Ushers: Scott McAllister - Mike Whitacre

Acolyte: Tessa Grove

Lector: Mark Hoefler

Communion Assistants: Mark Hoefler, Carol Temple

Tellers: Stearns, Bortmes

Sunday July 14th

Ushers: Ned Cockey – Brian Nottingham

Acolyte: Skylar Dishon

Lector: Mike Whitacre

Tellers: Wilson, Regan

Sunday July 21st

Ushers: Sharon Lukens, Dennis Lukens

Acolyte: Judy Newsome

Lector: Ruth Phoebus

Communion Assistants: Ruth Phoebus, Sharon Lukens

Tellers: McAllister, Lukens

Sunday, July 28th

Ushers: Glenn Deuchler, Frank Altenburg

Acolyte: Sharon Lukens

Lector: Mark Hoefler

Tellers: Saffron, Newsome

Sunday, August 4th (Hot Dog Day Sunday)

Ushers: Scott McAllister, Mike Whitacre

Acolyte: Tessa Grove

Lector: Richard Kiesling

Communion Assistants: Carol Temple, Jean Weimer

Tellers: Stearns, Bortmes

Sunday, August 11th

Ushers: Ned Cockey – Brian Nottingham

Acolyte: Skylar Dishon

Lector: Mike Whitacre

Tellers: Wilson, Regan

Sunday, August 18th

Ushers: Sharon Lukens, Dennis Lukens

Acolyte: Judy Newsome

Lector: Glenn Deuchler

Communion Assistants: Ruth Phoebus, Mark Hoefler

Tellers: McAllister, Lukens

Sunday, August 25th

Ushers: Glenn Deuchler, Frank Altenburg

Acolyte: Sharon Lukens

Lector: Mark Hoefler

Tellers: Saffron, Newsome

(Ice Cream Sundaes Sunday Next Week!)



NOTE: We need more worship assistants and acolytes. Don't be shy, please volunteer – See Sharon Lukens

Worship and Special Events July - August, 2019

Sunday, July 7th 4th Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:00AM Traditional Worship with Communion

Monday, July 8th

- 10:00AM Bible Study

Thursday, July 11

- 9:00AM stitchers

Sunday July 14th 5th Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship

Thursday, July 18th

- 9:00 AM stitchers

Sunday July 21st 6th Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:00AM Traditional Worship with Communion

Monday, July 22nd

- 10:00AM Bible Study

Thursday, July 23rd

- 9:00AM stitchers

Sunday, July 28th 7th Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:00AM Traditional Worship

Monday, July 29th

- 10:00AM Bible Study

Thursday, August 1st

- 9:00AM stitchers

Sunday, August 4th 8th Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:00AM Traditional Worship with Communion

Monday, August 5th

- 10:00 AM Bible Study

Thursday, August 8th

- 9:00AM stitchers

Sunday, August 11th 9th Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:00AM Traditional Worship

Monday, August 12th

- 10:00AM Bible Study

Thursday, August 15th

- 9:00AM stitchers

Sunday, August 18th 10th Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:00AM Traditional Worship with Communion

Monday, August 19th

- 10:00AM Bible Study

Thursday, August 22nd

- 9:00AM stitchers

Sunday, August 25th 11th Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:00AM Traditional Worship

Monday, August 26th

- 10:00AM Bible Study

Thursday August 29th

- 9:00AM stitchers



**SALEM OUTREACH
LET'S REACH FOR OUR 2019 GOALS!**

Mason- Dixon Community Services

During 2018 we donated 312 items, including school supplies, and toiletries. So, save your guest soaps and shampoo when you vacation – and put in Narthex Baskets! They are always needed. We are also looking for school supplies for the upcoming school year.

Our Daily Bread

In May and June, we made 29 casseroles for our Daily Bread. Please pick up recipes and pans in the Narthex, and try some of the delicious recipes we use at Salem at home!

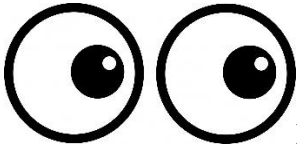
ELCA World Hunger– Our 2019 Lenten Drive

We raised \$1,015 during our extended “Orange Tree” Lenten Drive



OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- We donated our “change” on Pentecost LOUDLY! To benefit ELCA WORLD HUNGER. We raised \$79.
- We welcomed new members – The Brown Family
- We welcomed Vets on Memorial Day, and sang a selection of patriotic music.



**LOOKING AHEAD TO
UPCOMING EVENTS**

- July 7, AMERICAN PIE SUNDAY Berry and Apple
- August 4, (hot) DOG DAY SUNDAY – Hot Dogs!
- September 1, ICE CREAM SUNDAE SUNDAY!

COMING IN OCTOBER – SAVE THE DATE!



The time has come again to gather all your items and clothing for our **Flea Market, October 5th**. Watch our September church bulletins for details about pricing and drop off dates. Here’s hoping for another successful year!

Thank you, Doris Karoll

**Our Annual Craft Fair, Flea Market, & Homemade Baked Goods and Apple Butter Sale
Please start planning to volunteer or donate items from our**



W I S H L I S T

NEEDED: Helpers for Set-Up, Taking Down and working at the Craft Fair (Funnel Cakes, Scarecrow Stuffing, Games, Bake Table, Filling Apple Butter Jars & Labeling)

Also: Apple Butter Stirring.

- 1 can of BAKING POWDER
- 5 lb. of FLOUR
- 5 lb. of SUGAR
- ½ Gal of WHOLE MILK
- 1 dozen EGGS
- 1 Small Bottle of VANILLA
- 1 Large Jug of COOKING OIL
- 2 Gallon Jugs of APPLE CIDER
- Lots of PINT SIZE JARS
- PINT SIZE JAR RINGS & SEALS
- CASH DONATIONS
- 3 9 oz. Large UNCOOKED PIZZAS
- BAKED GOODS for the Day of the Fair:
 - 1 Extra Large PUMPKIN *for Guessing Contest*
 - 1 Large Jar of CANDY CORN *for Guessing Contest*

Thanks, Lynn Cox

P.S. Please make some extra treats when you bake and save in your freezer for our bake table – Which was a big sellout last year!

Special favorites are brownies of all sorts, your home-made cookies in clear bags, and Bundt and pound cakes.





Let the Word of God Transform You.



Worship Notes from Pastor Dick:

Living in the present moment – in the light of Easter. The high holy days of our faith as we celebrate them throughout the year have passed. The thrill and excitement of Easter grow dimmer and dimmer. I think this is natural as we tend to think of the celebrations of Christmas, Easter, etc. as something in the past. Of course, this is true. Christmas is a past event, as is Easter. The fact of the matter is this: because they are in the past, they influence and shape us in this present moment of our lives. We rejoice because God’s only beloved Son came to live among us, experience our life with all its many problems and disappointments – and yes, even to experience our death. That’s the joy of Christmas. Easter continues by shaping our present moment, enriching our day by day living with the joy of the triumph of Jesus even over death.

Jesus is alive! This is the basic belief of the church. Jesus is not just a person who lived a long time ago, but is present with us even now as one who has experienced death and has returned to life.

This message of our conviction of Jesus’ resurrection seems ridiculous to anyone who is a rational person. People just don’t come back to life! When you’re dead it’s over. Right? No! Faith is believing something, trusting something, and holding on to the reality that new life in Christ means. It means that the old way of looking at things has changed. Now we view life and death from God’s point of view that life won.

You can’t prove the resurrection but you can believe that it happened. You can believe in God, even if you’ve never seen him. You can become someone who is more blessed than those who actually saw and heard and spoke of Jesus. For our Lord said to Thomas, “More blessed are those who having not seen me believe in me.”

So, let the past joys of Christmas and Easter continue to fill your hearts with joy. May the triumph of Jesus inspire us to respond with a life committed to living in the certainty and truth of Easter. Then the remembering of past celebrations will open up to all of us and new and vibrant hope for the future – that God is with us and we are always the beloved children of God!

Pastor Dick

SLCC Corner



Summer is in full swing at Salem Lutheran Children’s Center! We have many exciting field trips, guest visitors, and activities planned all summer long.

At SLCC, we work hard to create a safe, secure, and nurturing environment where each child is able to develop a sense of personal worth, recognize individual values, examine spiritual strengths, and identify him/herself as a child of God. We have many wonderful teachers who promote and teach these values every day.

Our fall childcare programs are all almost completely filled. For our Preschool Program, the AM classes are filled, but we still have a few openings in our PM classes. Our PM 3-year-old preschool class takes place on Tuesday and Thursdays from 12:30-3:00pm. Our PM 4-year-old preschool class takes place on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 12:30-3:00pm.

Our After-Care Program is full, but we have a few spaces open in our Before Care Program. Our Daycare Program for the fall is almost filled as well with only a few spaces available in our 4’s program. You can choose from 2-5 days per week and we are open from 6:30am-6:00pm.

If you, a family member, or a friend are interested in registering for any of our childcare programs, please contact SLCC at 410-557-6612.

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Salem Church Council Executive Committee

Elders:

Lynn Cox, President
 Ned Cockey, Vice President
 Ruth Phoebus, Treasurer
 Diane Grove, Secretary
 Linda Bannan, SLCC Liaison

Committees:

Ned Cockey, Mike Whitacre, Trustees

Deacons:

Darla Lynch
 Jennifer Everett
 Mark Hoefler

Member at Large:
 Sam Keller



We honored our Veterans on Memorial Day, and Sang favorite Patriotic Songs!



We celebrated Pentecost Joyfully and welcomed a new Family.....The Browns



.....AND WE BAPTIZED A NEW CHILD OF GOD IN THE NOTTINGHAM FAMILY (and re-sprinkled some of our congregation's children while we were at it, to re-affirm their baptisms!)



We started off Spring with a bang, at our traditional tea party - My Fair Lady- was the theme and we were treated to the entire story of Eliza Doolittle's adventures while eating delicious "high tea" and treats.



We went to the Ascot Races



Our speedy acolyte won!



We decorated hats and made "Fascinators" to wear.





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