



The Salem Light

Newsletter of the Congregation of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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September/October 2019

Pastor's Ponderings.....

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: This is how Ecclesiastes chapter 3 starts. We are preparing for a new start as well. Back to school, back to sports schedules, back to a more regular scheduled life. And so, it is with Salem and her schedule of activities.

Please take note of the church calendar with activities to look forward to and to participate in however you are able. There is something for everyone!

My hope is that you had time to bask in the sunshine, get wet from heavenly showers, enjoy fresh garden and farm produce, swim, catch fish, and find rest in God's abundant creation. The season of Sabbath rest is important to everyone and provides the energy and creative mindfulness to dig into the fall season. So, what's on tap?

September comes with the first ice of the season...Ice Cream Sundaes Sunday, P.S Don't forget your backpacks, they and you will be blessed during worship. The following Sunday we carry a torch signaling Rally Day...let the races begin for the Donut Olympics! Later in the month we share our fruitful gifts with Pie Sunday...the challenge? Which pie and how many pieces do you dare sample? We have five Sundays in September and on this fifth Sunday a service of healing and prayer is offered.

As a sneak preview of what's to come... plan to enjoy and help with the Jarrettsville Sunflower Fest, Salem's Annual Fall Fair, and the Blessing of the Animals and oh, so much more. Sounds busy and yes, we are!

So, we give God thanks for the season under the heavens, we give thanks for the renewal of our spirits and minds. And, with our entire being, we give the Lord

thanks for creating the earth, stars, heavens, waters, air, and all the inhabitants. We give thanks for the love God shows us each and every day. The Holy Spirit helps us to pray and prepare to go forward to do what God does the best, love. God points us to love one another in every season.

At the ELCA Churchwide Assembly held in Milwaukee a couple of week ago, the assembly adopted a resolution that, among other things, declaring the ELCA in America to be a sanctuary denomination. "In it's simplest form, becoming a sanctuary denomination means that the ELCA is publicly declaring that walking alongside immigrants and refugees is a matter of faith...it is about loving our neighbors...it means acting on our baptismal promise to *strive for peace and justice in all the world...we welcome the stranger.*" Congregations are not mandated to respond in specific ways." For each congregation, for each of us, together we discuss, pray and work out through faith what this means for us in this place. Through prayer, through conversation, and faith it is God who leads and sheds light as to how God's love is lived out.

Talking points to encourage discussion with each other are located in the narthex. Let's engage with this resolution with all our renewed hearts, minds and strength, and most importantly with the presence of God's Spirit in this place and in everything.

Blessed to serve you in Christ's love, *Pastor Betty Lou*

P.S. I'm working through forming a [Youth Group](#) – for [Grades 3 through 6](#) – Families, watch for youth happenings, coming soon to Salem! *PBL*



Sunday Worship Assistants September, 2019

Sunday, September 1st 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Ushers: Scott McAllister - Mike Whitacre

Acolyte: Tessa Grove

Lector: Carol Temple

Communion Assistants: Jean Weimer, Sharon Lukens

Tellers: Stearns, Bortmes

Sunday September 8th – 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Ushers: Ned Cockey – Brian Nottingham

Acolyte: Skylar Dishon

Lector: Mike Whitacre

Tellers: Wilson, Regan

Sunday September 15th 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Ushers: Sharon Lukens, Dennis Lukens

Acolyte: Judy Newsome

Lector: Ruth Phoebus

Communion Assistants: Carol Temple, Mark Hoefler

Tellers: McAllister, Lukens

Sunday, September 22nd 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Ushers: Glenn Deuchler, Frank Altenburg

Acolyte: Sharon Lukens

Lector: Mark Hoefler

Tellers: Saffron, Newsome

Sunday, September 29th Healing - 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Ushers: Scott McAllister, Ned Cockey

Acolyte: Tessa Grove

Lector: Brian Nottingham

Communion Assistants: Carol Temple, Jean Weimer

Tellers: Stearns, Bortmes

Sunday October 6th

Sunday, October 13th

Sunday, October 20th

Sunday, October 27th



NOTE: October Worship Assistant Schedule will be posted in the narthex. 2020 Schedules will begin in the November/December newsletter. More worship assistants and acolytes are needed. Don't be shy, please – See Sharon Lukens to volunteer.

Worship, Special Events September-October, 2019

Sunday, September 1st

- 9:00AM Traditional Worship with Communion
- ICE CREAM SUNDAE SUNDAY

Monday, September 2 - 10:00AM Bible Study

Tuesday, September 3rd

- 6:30 PM – Council Meeting

Thursday, September 5th

- 9:00AM Stitches, TBD Choir Rehearsal

Sunday September 8th Olympians – Rally Day

- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship
- 9:20AM Sunday School

Monday, September 9th – Bible Study

Thursday, September 12th

- 9:00 AM Stitches, TBD Choir

Sunday September 15th

- 9:00AM Traditional Worship with Communion
- 9:20AM Sunday School

Monday, September 16th - 10:00AM Bible Study

Thursday, September 19th

- 9:00AM Stitches, TBD Choir

Sunday, September 22nd

- 9:00AM Traditional Worship
- 9:20AM Sunday School

Monday, September 23rd -10:00AM Bible Study

Thursday, September 26th

- 9:00AM Stitches TBD Choir

Friday September 27th

- Jarrettsville Sun Fest

Sunday, September 29th

- 9:00AM Traditional Worship with Communion
- 9:20AM Sunday School

Monday, September 30th 10:00 AM Bible Study

Thursday, October 3rd

- 9:00AM Stitches, TBD, Choir

Sunday, October 6th

- 9:00AM Traditional Worship
- 9:20AM Sunday School

Monday, October 7th - 10:00AM Bible Study

Thursday, October 10th

- 9:00AM Stitches, TBD, PM Choir

Sunday, October 13th

- 9:00AM Traditional Worship with Communion
- 9:20AM Sunday School

Monday, October 14th - 10:00AM Bible Study

Thursday, October 17th

- 9:00AM Stitches, TBD Choir

Sunday, October 20th

- 9:00AM Traditional Worship
- 9:20AM Sunday School

Monday, October 21st - 10:00AM Bible Study

Thursday October 24th

- 9:00AM Stitches, TBD, Choir

Sunday, October 27th

- 9:00AM Traditional Worship with Communion
- 9:20AM Sunday School



SALEM OUTREACH - LET'S EXCEED OUR 2019 GOALS!
Our Daily Bread

In July, we made 13 casseroles for Our Daily Bread, and increased that number to 20 in August. Please pick up recipes and pans in the Narthex, and try the delicious recipe at home!

Welcome One

Since autumn will be here before you know it, please remember to bring in any unopened toiletries that you may have collected from the resorts and hotels at which you vacationed this summer. **Welcome One** really appreciates receiving these donated items as they provide "kits" to the emergency Harford homeless population that pass through their doors. Please place these articles in the basket provided in the narthex.



In addition, during the month of September, we're looking to do a special collection of men's deodorants for the Welcome One patrons. We've been told The Dollar Store is a good source for these. Let's set a goal and see if our congregation can collect 100 containers by the end of September!



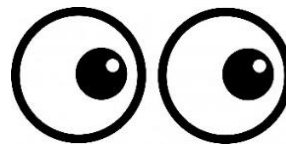
Salem is blessed to have such giving members. In just a few weeks, we were able to collect and donate over 200 school supply items to the **Mason-Dixon Community Center**. The staff at Mason Dixon was grateful for Salem's selfless giving. We certainly lived up to our motto of being small, but mighty! Thank you so much for your generosity to those in the North Harford community who are in need.

Just What Is Thrivent?

Thrivent Financial, a member-owned fraternal benefit society, is a Fortune 500 **not-for-profit** financial services organization founded by Lutherans. Through its chapters throughout the nation, it offers financial products and services such as life insurance, annuities, mutual funds, disability income insurance, credit union products, money management, and retirement planning.

More than just providers of insurance and financial services, Thrivent is a **not-for-profit membership organization of Christians**, that helps its members be wise with money and be good stewards of the gifts God has given them. The members of this organization provide opportunities for Christians to volunteer throughout the community and provide services to various charitable organizations, schools, congregations, and individuals in need.

Our own congregation will benefit from Thrivent in October when we hold our annual craft fair and flea market. Thrivent Financial is providing promotional resources and seed money to help jumpstart this fundraiser. Through our organized Thrivent Action Team, consisting of us – the volunteers from Salem's congregation - we'll be sharing our time and talents as we sell the crafts we've made, the food we've prepared, and the flea-market items we have brought from our homes.



UPCOMING EVENTS

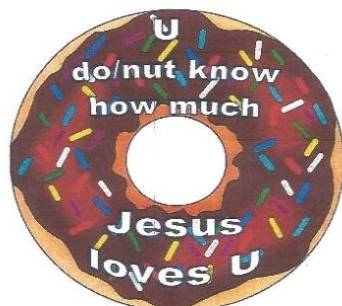
September 1st, ICE CREAM SUNDAE SUNDAY!
Who knows what Pastor may have up her sleeve!



September 8th, Join Salem for rally Sunday. Cheer our donut 🍩 Olympians on. Fun for all - congregation participation needed!

*Come to
Sunday School*

**Join in on
donut Olympics
Sunday Sept 8th**



September 22nd PIE SUNDAY - Get that great pie going for our traditional pie Sunday.

September 27th - Jarrettsville Sunflower Fest

- We have been asked to donate 100 bags of cookies or brownies.
- They should be bagged with 3 cookies, or 2 brownies in each bag.
- Recipe and ingredients must be included on each bag
- More info on narthex table.

COMING IN OCTOBER – SAVE THE DATES!



Hello Everyone,

It is that time of year again to gather all of your flea market items. Drop off of all items will begin after church service on September 29th. Pricing will begin on Monday September 30th thru Friday October 4th. Last day for dropping off items will be Wednesday October 3rd. If you can spare some time for pricing, we welcome you. We get hundreds of items and can use all the help we can get. Please mark your calendars. It's a big task but the fun and fellowship are wonderful. If you have any questions please contact me at 410-456-4770.

Thank you, Doris Karoll

Craft fair: Plenty of help is needed.
Look for sign-up sheet coming soon in the narthex.

Bake Table: Be thinking about those special baked goods and make some extras this year. **It was a big sellout last year!** (Please put ingredients and recipes on them. Everyone likes to get recipes as an extra bonus!) Brownies, home-made cookies in clear bags, Bundt and pound cakes are favorites.



Please start planning to volunteer or donate items



W I S H L I S T

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

We REALLY need pint jars, rings and lids for apple butter - we are almost completely out!

SUPPLIES:

- 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
- CASH DONATIONS appreciated
- 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

Also: Apple Butter Stirrers Needed

Thanks, Lynn Cox



MUSICAL NOTES

Full Choir Rehearsals Begin on Thursday, September 5th.

We all thank Cathy Hoefler for valiantly keeping the Music going while we sought a new Organist and Choir Director. Thanks Cathy, for juggling assorted roles – organist, interim and summer choir director, and summer music planner.

We look forward to singing and worshipping with our new Organist and Choir Director, Thomas Keesecker, who writes....

Dear new friends,

I come to you with open hands ready to lead you in song and praise. I have been a church musician for over forty years. I have served Lutheran and Catholic parishes in Virginia, Montana, and Maryland. I recently resigned from my full-time Director of Music position at St. Margaret Catholic Church in Bel Air. I had served there for twenty years. I turned sixty-three in June and I am now declaring myself “semi-retired.”

I am a published church music composer. It’s gratifying to know that my choral anthems are sung by church choirs across the country. My latest writing project has been a series of piano collections and recordings. The 4th and most recently published book of the series is called “The Quiet Harvest.” This Fall I’ll be traveling to almost 20 churches in nine states performing from these collections. If you’re interested, you may listen to my music on my Facebook page at Thomas Keesecker, composer.

Tricia and I will be celebrating our 40th wedding anniversary in December. We have three sons. Two are married, but no grandchildren yet. (My wife is looking forward to becoming a grandmother one of these days!)

As I write this, I’ve only played one service at Salem. It’s been a pleasure talking with Pastor Betty Lou, getting to know her, and coming to an understanding of her ministry with you at Salem. I look forward to learning more about you as we journey together in faith and as I offer to you my gifts as a church musician.

Tom Keesecker

SLCC Corner



Do you love working with children? We are currently looking for substitute teachers and aides for our classrooms! We have openings immediately for flexible candidates who are willing to work with children in any classroom, from preschool to school-aged, depending on the need. We are willing to train, so no experience is necessary. Contact the office today for details.

We are so excited for the school year to start! Our fall childcare programs are all almost filled. For our Preschool Program, the AM classes are filled, but we still have a few openings in our PM classes. Our After School Care Program is full, but we have a few spaces open in our Before School Care Program. Our Daycare Program for the fall has a few spaces available in our 4’s program. For daycare, 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.

Cherie Johnson, Director noahsrainbow@verizon.net

Salem Church Council Executive Committee

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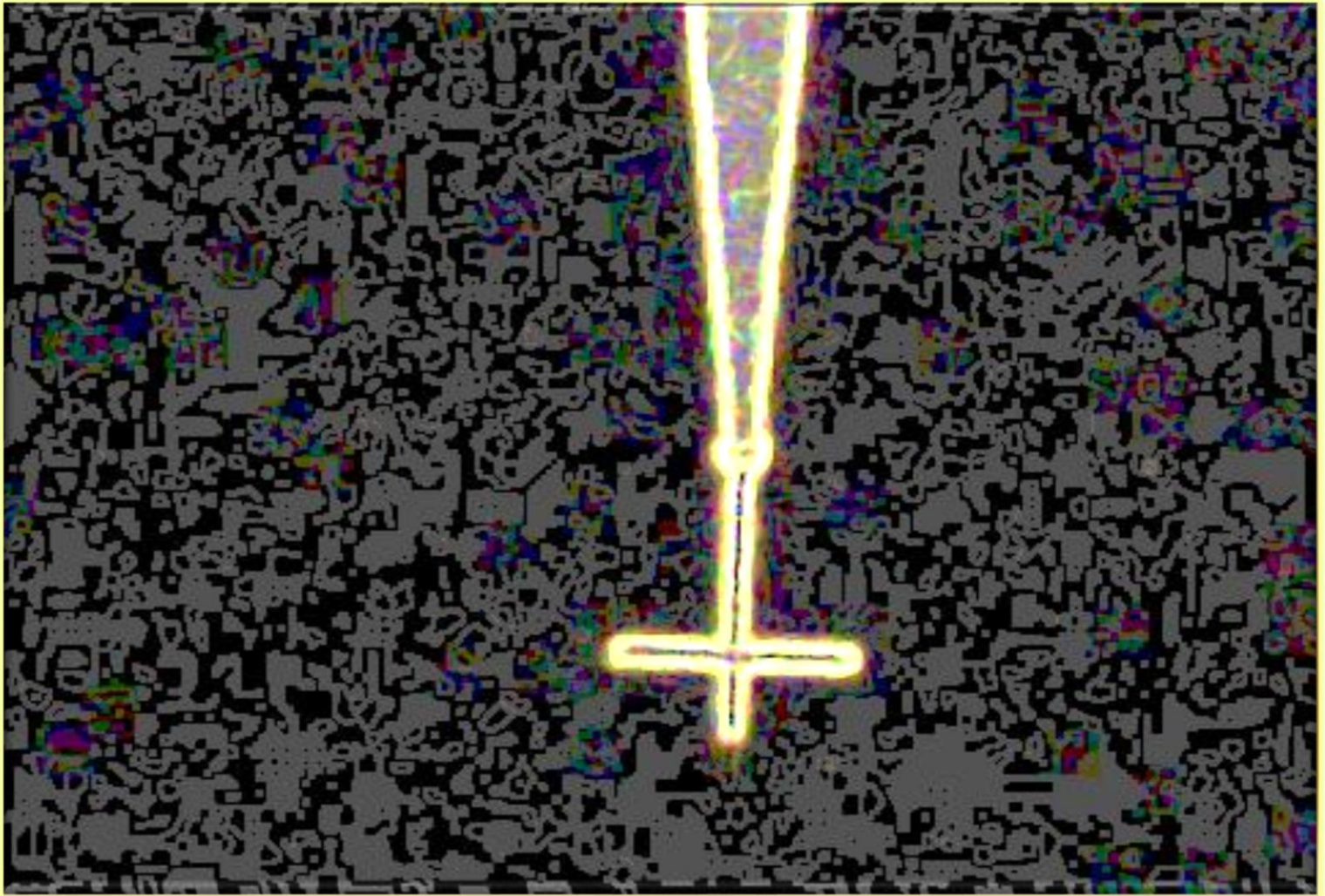
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