



The Salem Light

Newsletter of the Congregation of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Pastor's Ponderings

We have a grandmother's clock that stands in our foyer. It has faithfully chimed for 46 years. Now after almost 3 years the clock is silent. Yes, we have had a fine clockmaker



look at it and work on it, but it remains silent. I miss the chimes and its rhythmic "Tick-Tock" voice. And, then I think about the times the clock dutifully sounded off each hour and minute of the day. Did I always pay attention to the company of the clock? I think not. For in most things we can be, and usually are, distracted from the sounds and life around us

Some days paying attention to the presence of God is harder than others. Listening for the Lord's voice is also difficult. If we are honest with ourselves, maintaining a spiritual connection with the Creator and Giver of Life, at least on our part, is sporadic at best.

I guess that is why there are a million or so books written about the topic. They help; however, we eventually return to our normal, busy and distracted selves. If this sounds like a lamentation about the human condition, perhaps it is a little. I am feeling sad for the condition of the world in which we live. Seems to me God's children are not paying attention to God or each other.

I've heard tell that we are increasingly becoming distinct and separate groups, named "they" and "we". Neither group listens to the other so of course both groups find it too frustrating to try, and listening expends too much energy to focus on the human and spiritual value of the other. If we can treat one another in these ways, what does this say about our experiences with God? To whom can we pour out

our hearts if we have stopped listening to the sounds/voices around us?

Where I find hope is in God's profound compassion and patience with the They and We in us. I passed a sign today that read, "Be honest with God, not silent."

Is this where everything could begin again?

You know that feeling inside when you miss someone or hearing his/her voice. Have you missed being with Jesus? Might this be an invitation to come and visit with the Lord for a while? Perhaps take quiet time to focus and reflect on what's missing in life, as God would want for this world, for both the They and We? Might we find that contentment and peace begins with winding our hearts in line with Jesus. Then our ears can begin hearing again His presence equally in each other. The Lord's love and grace make all the difference to distracted lives.

In the love of Jesus,

Pastor Betty Lou

Our President's Perspective

Lynn Cox offers the following:

Hi, folks. Hot ,hot, hot outside; I guess your air conditioning is working overtime while you are Enjoying the cool inside. Put on your thinking caps about our craft fair. We need crafts, pint jars for apple butter. Think of baked goods that are apple-related, but we love whatever you bake. Don't forget to label ingredients when the time comes to package. This is a good time to clean out clothes, knick-knacks, toys, furniture etc.

Helpers are needed for the flea market, bake table, kitchen, craft table, and cashier. We also need someone to take charge of children's games. Apple butter stirring news: this year the men are going to stir doing the day (no witches on the hill late at night - Just kidding).



Time and date for stirring to follow; we need stirrers and ladies to label and fill jars.

Salem appreciates all your help

Special Congregational Meeting

From Lynn Cox

Please mark on your calendars August 1st.
The Children's



Center needs your vote on their upcoming year's budget so they can start September's school year with a bang. This will be a 1-item meeting only. Please try to attend.

By the way - Their enrollment is filling up by leaps and bounds. Praise to God for His many blessings.

Teller Schedule

Here is the schedule for Tellers for the remainder of 2021:

July	25: Saffran, Garner
Aug	1: Stearns, Bortmes
	8: Wilson, Regan
	15: Whitacre, Phoebus
	22: Saffran, Garner
	29: Stearns, Bortmes
Sept:	5: Stearns, Bortmes
	12: Wilson, Regan
	19: Whitacre, Phoebus

- 26: Saffran, Garner
- Oct: 3: Stearns, Bortmes
10: Wilson, Regan
17: Whitacre, Phoebus
24: Saffran, Garner
31: Stearns, Bortmes
- Nov. 7: Stearns, Bortmes
14: Wilson, Regan
21: Whitacre, Phoebus
28: Saffran, Garner
- Dec. 5: Stearns, Bortmes
12: Wilson, Regan
19: Whitacre, Phoebus
26: Saffran, Garner

Sing for Joy

Have you had enough of isolation? Are you ready to socialize again? Would you like to do something different? Would you like to join with others to thank and praise God for His hope during the pandemic?



If you answer YES to any of the above, you are invited to:

SING to the KING Wednesdays

WHEN: July 14, 2021, August 4, 2021,
August 25, 2021

WHERE: Salem Lutheran Church
Norrisville Road

Jarrettsville, MD 21084

TIME: 7:00 – 8:00 PM

WHAT: To learn, sing and/or listen to some contemporary Christian songs

Anyone and everyone – young and old – individuals, families and youth – is invited to these community times together! Please spread the word to your

family, friends and church family. Come to one, two or all three nights! (If weather permits, we'll be outside so please bring your lawn chair or blanket.)

Please contact Cathy at 410-692-9619 if you have questions/or consider RSVP to Cathybhoefler@gmail.com in case for an unforeseen reason the event must be cancelled you can be notified.

Thank You from our Music Director

Cathy Hoefler shares the following message of thanks.

THANK YOU to the Salem members and their families who made our first summer SING TO THE KING Wednesday a huge success! Our small but mighty attendees, ranging in age from 5 to 85, included adults, children, and youth, enjoyed sweet time together, sang their hearts out to our King, and left with pep in their step and smiles on their faces! Please consider joining us for one or both of our remaining summer SING TO THE KING Wednesdays on August 4th and/or August 25th. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for details!



A Congregational Thank You!

From Tom Regan:

Thanks to everyone who makes casseroles for Our Daily Bread. This is a wonderful outreach for those less fortunate. Salem contributed 17 Casseroles in July.



Our next pickup date will be Friday September the 3rd, because of Labor Day. We are still on an every other month schedule.

Worship Assistant Schedule

Sharon and Dennis Lukens have compiled the schedule for worship assistants through October. A sincere, heartfelt thanks to all who have volunteered to serve Salem in these essential and integral contributions to our worship service.

DATE	USHER/CONTACT	TRACING LIST	ACOLYTE	LECTOR
AUGUST				
Sunday, August 1, 2021	Glenn Deuchler	- Mike Whitacre	Usher	Carol Temple
Sunday, August 8, 2021	Dennis Lukens	- Timothy Lukens	Usher	Mike Whitacre
Sunday, August 15, 2021	Glenn Deuchler	- Mike Whitacre	Usher	Ruth Phoebus
Sunday, August 22, 2021	Dennis Lukens	- Timothy Lukens	Usher	Mark Hoefler
Sunday, August 29, 2021	Glenn Deuchler	- Mike Whitacre	Usher	Diane Grove
SEPTEMBER				
Sunday, September 5, 2021	Glenn Deuchler	- Mike Whitacre	Usher	Lynn Cox
Sunday, September 12, 2021	Dennis Lukens	- Timothy Lukens	Usher	Glenn Deuchler
Sunday, September 19, 2021	Glenn Deuchler	- Mike Whitacre	Usher	Carol Temple
Sunday, September 26, 2021	Dennis Lukens	- Timothy Lukens	Usher	Mike Whitacre
OCTOBER				
Sunday, October 3, 2021	Glenn Deuchler	- Mike Whitacre	Usher	Ruth Phoebus
Sunday, October 10, 2021	Dennis Lukens	- Timothy Lukens	Usher	Mark Hoefler
Sunday, October 17, 2021	Glenn Deuchler	- Mike Whitacre	Usher	Diane Grove
Sunday, October 24, 2021	Dennis Lukens	- Timothy Lukens	Usher	Lynn Cox
Sunday, October 31, 2021	Glenn Deuchler	- Mike Whitacre	Usher	Glenn Deuchler
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS				
AUGUST				
Sunday, August 1, 2021	Doris Karoll	- Ruth Phoebus		
Sunday, August 8, 2021				
Sunday, August 15, 2021	Carol Temple	- Jean Weimer		
Sunday, August 22, 2021				
Sunday, August 29, 2021				
SEPTEMBER				
Sunday, September 5, 2021	Ruth Phoebus	- Lynn Cox		
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A Prayer for the World!

Sarah Keller offers this prayer, which originally appeared in Parade Magazine. But these needs are never out-of-date, especially when we consider all that our world is experiencing.

Let the rain come and wash away the ancient grudges, the bitter hatreds held and nurtured over

generations. Let the rain wash away the memory of the hurt, the neglect. Then let the sun come out and fill the sky with rainbows. Let the warmth of the sun heal us wherever we are broken. Let it burn away the fog so that we can see each other clearly. So that we can see beyond labels, beyond accents, gender or skin color. Let the warmth and brightness of the sun melt our selfishness. So that we can share joys and feel the sorrows of our neighbors. And let the light of the sun be so strong that we will see all people as our neighbors. Let the earth, nourished by rain, bring forth flowers to surround us with beauty. And let the mountains teach our hearts to reach upward to heaven. Amen

Author: Rabbi Harold S. Kushner

SLCC Happenings

From Cherie Johnson, SLCC Director

We are having lots of fun at Summer Camp this year! We have center wide themes each week to make each day interesting and exciting for the children. During “The Great Outdoors” week, we set up a campsite complete with tents and a make believe fire ring. Later the same week we had earthworm races and began taking care of our community garden which is thriving with cucumbers and cherry tomatoes. In the beginning of July, we celebrated the US, with “Hooray for the USA” week. We tie dyed t-shirts and completed a science experiment called Magic Milk Fireworks. For “The Greatest Show on Earth” week we had in indoor Carnival Day with lots of fun games and prizes. We are looking forward to our upcoming “Salem Olympics”, “Down on the Farm”, and “Jurassic World” Weeks.



For the upcoming school year, we currently have openings in the PM three-year-old preschool class, the PM four-year-old preschool class, and the M-F 9:00 am-12:00 pm four-year-old preschool class. We also have openings in our 3's and 4's daycare classes where you can pick from 2 – 5 days per week. As always, church members do not need to pay the registration fee so if you are interested in registering for any program please contact the office.

This fall we are hoping to restart our before and after care program for the school year. Hopefully HCPS schools reopen as anticipated so that we can begin offering care for our school agers once more.

Contribute to the Toiletry Box

A reminder from Mark Hoefler:

Now that we're vacationing again, we have the opportunity to obtain toiletries that are provided by the various resorts in which we are staying. We are continuing to collect toiletries (shampoo, soap,

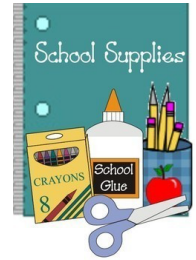


shaving cream, hand lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, deodorant, mouth wash, sunscreen, etc.) for the residents of Welcome One Homeless Shelter. If you're still

not in the traveling mode and would like to contribute, the Dollar Store is a good place to obtain small toiletry items. The collection box for these items can be found in the narthex.

School Supplies Needed

From Mark Hoefler



Before you know it, students will be back in school again. We are once again collecting school supplies for Mason-Dixon through Sunday, August 15th. Please place your donations in the box in the narthex. Mason-Dixon has requested items like those listed below.

- Pens
- Erasers
- Rulers
- #2 pencils
- Highlighters
- Crayons
- 3-ring binders (larger than 1")
- Dividers
- Pencil pouches for 3-ringed binders
- Small sanitizer for individual use
- Scissors (safety tips)
- Glue sticks
- Colored pencils
- Small pencil sharpeners
- 2-pocket portfolio (folder) with prongs

Altar Care

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| August 1, 15 | Jean Weimer |
| September 5, 19 | Diane Grove |
| October 3, 17 | Mike Whitacre |
| November 7, 21, 28 | Cindy Kerr |
| December 5, 12, 19, 24 | Doris Karoll |

A Time to Reap and a Time to Sow...

Sharon and Dennis Lukens are enjoying the benefits of hard work, sunshine, and rain.



Congratulations to Members of our Congregational Family

Tim Lukens graduated from The Penn State University with a Bachelor's degree in engineering.



Michael Younkin, eldest grandson of Pastor and Glenn Deuchler, graduated from Towson University with a Bachelor's degree in science.



Arielle Victoria Simon graduated from North Harford High School on May 25th, 2021 at Ripken Stadium. In the fall she will be attending Harford Community College majoring in Chemistry, Non-Calculus Based Physics towards her

Associates Degree . Afterwards she will be transferring to Towson State University where she will complete her Bachelor's in Forensics.

From the Editor

As we return to a more "normal" life style, it is very comforting and encouraging to see a higher level of activity and planning within the Salem family. That activity is demonstrated by the quantity and varied nature of the contributions to this edition of the newsletter.

Thanks to the many people who took a participative interest in our newsletter as demonstrated by their contributions. Our newsletter can only be as valuable, as interesting, and as complete as you the congregation make it through your contributions. Please consider contributing an article for our next edition. All contributions for our next edition will be due no later than August 22.

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