

HARVEST MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

October 2018

Pastor's Page Newsletter October 2018

41-45 When the other ten heard of this conversation, they lost their tempers with James and John. Jesus got them together to settle things down. "You've observed how godless rulers throw their weight around," he said, "and when people get a little power how quickly it goes to their heads. It's not going to be that way with you. Whoever wants to be great must become a servant. Whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave. That is what the Son of Man has done: He came to serve, not to be served—and then to give away his life in exchange for many who are held hostage."
-- Mark 10:42-45 *The Message (MSG)*

Dear friends in Christ,

Are you familiar with the word "glocal"? The dictionary defines it as an adjective meaning "reflecting or characterized by both local and global considerations." As the Urban Dictionary points out many may think of this as a way to think globally while acting local (purchasing Fair Trade coffee and other products from a local small town business is one common example of acting locally while thinking globally.)

Our work as the community of Christ in this time and place also compels us to consider our "Glocal" context (or "think global, act local") as we follow Jesus' commands to serve our neighbors. We have many resources when we work to love both our literal neighbors and those across the globe, and many of those resources can be found online at both our Western Iowa synod website (<http://www.wisynod.org/glocal-mission.html>), where we are reminded that

"God's work in mission always propels us to encounter the neighbor, particularly in the stranger. ELCA Glocal Missions equip us for God's work in today's global and local realities as well as their "glocal" intersections;" As well as on our churchwide website (<https://elca.org/Our-Work>), where we are reminded that we are "a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work."

Between these two websites you can find information on the numerous mission projects we are working on as the glocal community of Christ known collectively as the ELCA. This mission work includes everything from hunger ministry and Lutheran Disaster Relief, to our work in places like Tanzania and the many companion synods we partner with in ministry (Lutheran synods throughout the world) as well as specifically local mission work in western Iowa such as the church of the Damascus road. In addition to reading about the mission work on these websites, you can stay connected by receiving the synod newsletter and other communication via email. (<http://www.wisynod.org/espirt-newsletter.html> from this website click "spirit archives" and then on the page that opens, click "Join my mailing list."). Finally, one other great way to get updates is to read the Mission Interpreters letters that come out regularly via email to those that request them; I'm including much of the August 2018 Mission Interpreter letter so that you can read some of the important stories. Please email me for more information on receiving these letters directly via email.

I opted to focus on our Glocal Missions this month as both a connection to the many lectionary readings focusing on servant leadership this season and as a transition from "God's Work, Our Hands" to simply our grateful response to God's saving work (next month is Thanksgiving after all!). And I also want you to be aware of the mission work you are supporting when our congregations give "missions" or "benevolence" money to the greater church (synod and churchwide expressions of the ELCA). You can also send any money you feel called to send in support of any particular mission project at any time, as well as looking for ways you can volunteer your time and talents.

I would like to end this letter with prayer:

Prayer of the Day for Sunday October 21, 2018:

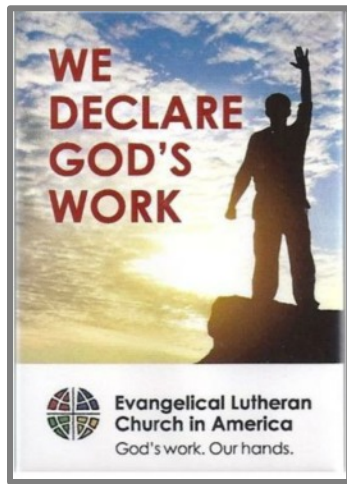
Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Tami Groth

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Mission Interpreters

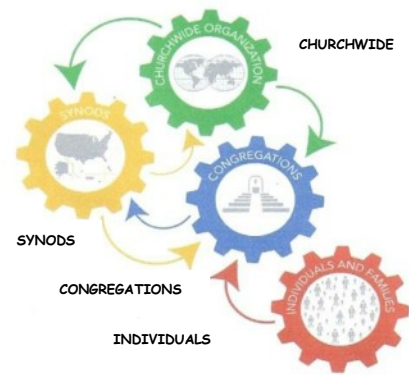
August 2018

Mission Support

Something Big and Amazing!

Greetings! I had the privilege of attending the Mission Interpreters Coordinators Conference in the middle of August. The MICC was held in Chicago at the Lutheran Center, our churchwide headquarters.

We are part of big and amazing work for the sake of the world through our mission support, our gifts of time, talent, and treasure.



Bishop Elizabeth Eaton spoke to us during an afternoon in Chicago. She has quite the sense of humor, a rock-solid faith, a love for Christ and the church.

Another of the afternoons was spent at a local church. I chose a church named Bethel. It turned out to be similar in many ways to my own church, Bethel, in Graettinger.

We arrived to find a church surrounded by a wrought-iron fence in an impoverished black neighborhood. It looked like no one was at the church. It didn't make sense, since we were expected for lunch. I was in a car with 3 other ladies. We were the first of the group to arrive. It was intimidating waiting as we talked about all the murders in Chicago the past weekends. I could hear one of my sons warning me to stay out of certain neighborhoods. There were several young black men walking in the neighborhood, no women! I volunteered to see if I could find an open door.

I did find an open door that lead down to the basement. There, I found "Taste and See". Their version of our "Come for Supper". It was their monthly-Saturday-noon-free meal. Genevieve, now 95, greeted us and handed us a meal ticket as she has done for 15 years. She proudly showed me her book in which she keeps records of how many attend "Taste and See". She said she loves being part of these meals. They provide 100+ meals on Saturdays to those in the neighborhood, to the homeless, and guests like us.

They get their food from Trader Joe's. On Fridays, Trader Joe's gives them food that they won't/can't sell and the "Taste and See" cook creates the meal for Saturday. The meal for that Saturday was barbeque chicken legs, white rice, mashed potatoes with gravy, steamed vegetables, and assorted baked goods and pop. The cook is a retired foreman for the Streets Department of Chicago. He swore he would never work in a restaurant again. His parents owned and operated a restaurant. He worked in their restaurant from age 12 to 20. He warned us about telling or asking God about what we will or will not do!

After eating, we went up into their over 100-year-old-church sanctuary with many beautiful-stained-glass windows especially their dome-shaped, stained-glass windows above the altar. They have around 70 that worship each Sunday. They admitted that they struggle and yet give 12% of their offerings to mission support! We heard about their ministries that have been shaped by the needs in their neighborhood. They have operated an elementary school because it was needed. They have renovated buildings in the neighborhood into apartments because housing was needed. They had purchased an abandoned Catholic hospital to be used for senior housing and nursing-home facilities. Recently, they have been asked to provide reentry care for those coming out of prison. One part of that is taking children of inmates for visits to the prisons which includes comforting them with a meal and games after their visits with their parent.

One story they shared is that at times they have gone as a congregation out of the church to stand and pray in front of a known-drug house. Amazingly, those drug houses did "disappear" (their words)!

The other church choice to visit was Concordia Lutheran Church. Concordia Lutheran operates Concordia Place which operates a day care, a preschool, an after-school care, an all-day-care on the days that schools

are closed, an entrepreneurial training and internships, and more programs. This ministry was created out of the needs of the community. This church also gives 12% of their offerings to mission support.

These two churches in the middle of poverty with their commitment to serve in their neighborhoods and around the world with their generous mission support are inspirations to all of us who attend small churches.

The Need to Invest in Ministries for Young People

After this conference, I came away with a clearer understanding of the need to support the ministries of outdoor ministries, campus ministries, and Young Adults in Global Mission. Those called to these ministries are called to serve at the boundaries of church and world, meeting people where they are and equipping leaders for lives of service. Outdoor ministries and campus ministries are supported by our 65 synods' mission support. Young Adults in Global Mission are supported by churchwide mission support.

Living Lutheran - The Future is here - September 23, 2016 *"The ELCA is on pace to experience a major shortfall in full-time clergy. Parish pastors are retiring in record numbers, according to current data and projections from ELCA Research and Evaluation. This, coupled with decreased seminary enrollment, means there aren't likely to be enough pastors for the number of open calls. Jonathan Strandjord, ELCA program director for seminaries, calls it a "retirement tsunami," stressing the shortfall isn't a future problem. "It's here," he added. "We're in the middle of it, and that clergy gap will continue to widen. In fact, the gap is wider than it has ever been."*

"We're coming up on the peak of baby boomers reaching retirement age," Strandjord said. "New pastors are entering seminary, but at nowhere near the needed replacement rate."

Why the low rate of pastoral growth? Fewer children and grandchildren of boomers are interested in church membership, let alone ordination, said Gordon Straw, ELCA program director for lay schools for ministry. Data shows more people choose "none of the above" when asked for their religious affiliation, he noted. Researchers call these individuals "nones."



Our future church leaders may attend camp.

ELCA Outdoor Ministries offer a wide variety of programs that provide growth and deepen faith formation experiences across the United States and in Puerto Rico.

The mission of campus ministry in the ELCA is to invite people in academic settings to engage more deeply with the teachings of Jesus Christ and the community that bears his name, so that they can discover and fulfill their vocation as disciples.



Outdoor Ministries and Campus Ministries \iff Seminary

"As I, Rev. Phil Tonnesen, Assistant to the Bishop, NC Synod travel around our synod and across the ELCA, I'm often asked why the NC Synod is always at the top of the list in terms of the number of people in the candidacy process preparing for full-time rostered ministry. My answer is simple: because of our camping and our 12 active campus ministries."



Campus Ministry at Blinn College in Brenham, Texas

DESSERT FIRST! is our program at Blinn College in Brenham, Texas.

Every Wednesday, beginning at 10:30, students are invited to come by the table, eat goodies, and chat about our QOTD (Question of the Day - i.e., Who is God to you? or What makes you angry about the world?).

We set up in the Student Center near the entrance. All students are

welcome to stop by the table and/or join us for Bible Study. If you are interested in learning more about or baking for this ministry, please be in touch with our Campus Minister, Jennifer Clark Tinker.

Young Adults in Global Missions (YAGMs) - The Young Adults in Global Mission program is one of the many ways that the ELCA is equipping youth to be faithful leaders in our church and society. The ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program invites ELCA young adults ages 21-29 into a transformative, year-long journey in international service. There are currently more than 90 YAGMs.



A STORY: Camping to Young Adult in Global Mission to Camping Ministry

The summer before Nate Berkas started high school, he went on a camping trip that would change his life. The lifelong Lutheran was raised as a missionary kid in Madagascar, but it wasn't until Berkas spent five nights in the Boundary Waters with Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry, Cook, Minn., that his faith journey began in earnest. "It was the first opportunity for me to feel and see and experience God in a really tangible way," he said.

Berkas went on several more trips to the area throughout high school and "loved every one of them," he said. "Each of them came with their own joys and challenges and opportunities for growth." He became a camp counselor in college, spending four successive summers working with youth. "I realized through that experience that I was really passionate about outdoor ministry and really interested in pursuing that as a profession," he said.

After Berkas discussed with the camp director what it would take to pursue such work professionally, the next step in his journey came through acceptance into the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program. "I felt called to ministry in some capacity. I thought maybe that was outdoor ministry but wasn't sure," he said. "I thought YAGM was a great next step." Berkas applied for YAGM because "it was my own opportunity to see God at work in various ways around the world and to be formed and transformed by our companions." As a YAGM, Berkas was placed in South Africa, which "ended up being such a formative moment in my life," he said. The program requires participants to engage in ministry and issues related to race, globalization, poverty, class, power and privilege. Berkas and other participants served in diverse communities—both racially and socio-economically—committed to simple living while there and learned basic communication in other languages. Serving with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa and seeing the impact of its ministries firsthand allowed Berkas to better understand how to live out his faith. "That ended up being really foundational for my journey, to realize that it's not just an inward-focused thing, but it has to be outward as well," he said.

From the onset of their time together in South Africa, Brian Konkol was impressed with Berkas' interest in the relationship between faith and action. "I admire his ability to ... continue to develop into someone globally formed and globally informed," said Konkol, who at the time served as a YAGM country coordinator in Southern Africa with his wife, Kristen.

Once again, the most meaningful part of Berkas' experience was the chance to spend time with youth outdoors, deepening their faith and relationships. "The South Africa program is focused on spending time in churches," he said, "and it created opportunities for me to work with youth." For Berkas, an opportunity to help at a weeklong camp in Cape Town affirmed the importance of "outdoor ministry and creating space for young people to come [to an environment] that's outside of their normal context ... and to send them back renewed and refocused."

After returning home, Berkas worked for five years with the ELCA churchwide organization, stewarding the relationships between missionaries and their sponsoring congregations. He served with ELCA World Hunger for three years and ELCA Global Church Sponsorship for two.

His direct experience with the many facets of nonprofit management there was an asset when he accepted his current position. Berkas' work at the ELCA involved "sharing the story of what the church is up to, and inviting people to join in that story, and helping them to realize they're a part of it. All of those pieces culminated in going back to outdoor ministry," he said. "While I loved so much of what I was doing [to support churchwide global ministries] ... where I feel most called is going back to that canoe trip after eighth grade, and thinking about how formative that was for my life."

Berkas is now the site director for Wilderness Canoe Base, Grand Marais, Minn., where ELCA-related Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp operates a program in the Boundary Waters. "I feel a deep call to this type of ministry," he said. "I'm grateful for the way that all of this has worked together to shape where I am."



Story from Living Lutheran

Creating space to experience God

YAGM alum brings professional experience full-circle with camp ministry

By John Potter August 1, 2018

Prayer Concerns: Nick Corey, Jennifer Campbell Reta, Jim Boysen, David Klingensmith, Jamie Mohr Ummach, and Danelle Sullivan.

Prayer list open to anyone and updated as information is shared.

Please contact Pastor Tami directly to request pastoral care visits.

Please keep all our homebound members in prayer including those in area facilities:

Correctionville Specialty Care: LaVinna Wiese
Whispering Creek in Sioux City: Jackie Herbold & Wilma Bollin
Kingsley Specialty Care: Dorothy Struve, Hulda Anfinson
Char-Mac Assisted Living Center, Holstein: Violet Rohlk
The Ridge, Holstein: Delores Dau
The Beck, Cherokee: Betty Stoneking
Accura Healthcare of Sioux City: Maude Schemmel

HARVEST MINISTRY NEWS

October 2018, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

Warming Hearts with God's Love and a Good Pair of Mittens

Far too often, children arrive at LSI's Beloit and Bremwood Residential Treatment Centers with very little in their possession.

We give thanks for Iowa congregations who faithfully respond to these needs, year after year! As winter approaches, LSI relies on your loving support to meet the demands for winter apparel for children and youth at Beloit and Bremwood. Often, children in residential treatment have little control over their lives, so it's important for us to give children the opportunity, when possible, to shop for their new coat or mittens. Because of this, we ask that you please not donate articles of clothing. With your generous financial donation, many children will have the simple joy of choosing their new coat, knowing that they are loved and cherished.

If you would like more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

A Loving Companion

When Tatyana came to LSI's Bremwood Residential Treatment Center in Waverly, she was lonely.

She lost her mom at a young age, and her father was incarcerated. She didn't have anyone to look up to, and the only way she knew how to cope with trauma and anger was by yelling and hitting. When she began seeing her LSI therapist, she wasn't comfortable talking about her difficult past.

Then she met a new friend, Max. Max is a three-year-old yellow Labrador Retriever, and a friendly face to everyone he sees on Bremwood's campus. Thanks to a generous donation by a local church and through a partnership between LSI and Retrieving Freedom, Max is now the official therapy dog at Bremwood.

Max has been working with Tatyana for over a year now. He sits on the sofa next to her during every therapy session, which makes her feel safe talking to her LSI team. Tatyana practices calmly giving Max commands like "sit" or "stay," which is teaching her that her voice is heard without needing to yell. She is using a calmer voice when she talks to others on campus too.

The children and teens at Bremwood love seeing Max each day. And when more children like Tatyana walk through the doors for the first time, Max is there, ready to be a friendly face and let them know they will be loved and cared for at LSI.

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Office Hours?

You may have noticed that my Wednesday office hours are no longer listed in our bulletins or newsletters. This is because I was finding too many other required meetings happening during Wednesday afternoons as well as other events that I would like to attend such as the various women's meetings and Bible studies, and of course emergent pastoral care needs always take priority over office hours. Considering these challenges combined with the unique challenges of a commuting pastor, my desire to use my time efficiently, the fact that rarely did I have anyone "drop in" during office hours, and the many ways to communicate available to us today, I have found it a better use of my time to set up meetings and visits as needed rather than have weekly office hours. Please contact me via phone, text or email (always printed in the weekly bulletin, newsletters and available on our congregation websites). This practice will be re-evaluated formally twice a year with the mutual ministry team as well as with the church councils as needed.

Bible or book studies?

Throughout October we will be taking various surveys to assess the interest in regular (weekly or monthly) Bible or book studies in our congregations. If you would like to assist in leading such groups or if you have a very particular request, please talk to Pastor Tami directly.

Discipleship Opportunities?

There are many many areas that you can serve in our congregations – either directly or more "behind the scenes). If you are currently discerning in what ways you can use your gifts in service to God and the community of Christ in this time and place, contact Pastor Tami for discernment conversation in this area. Simply looking to help? Pastor Tami will continue to post areas in need of assistance online and in future newsletters. Thank you to the many who share your time and talents regularly!

SALEM NEWS

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Confirmation

This year's confirmation class will be confirmed on Reformation Sunday, October 28th.

Please keep the confirmands in your prayers.

Getting confirmed are:

Brook Byers

Allison Reinking

Congregational Vitality Update:

Please continue to pray for our Congregational Vitality team as well as the entire congregation as we strive to live into our vision / purpose statement that we created together followed by council approval. We continue to listen to the stories of assets and needs within our own congregational community as well as to the many communities around us. The team will be gone on their next retreat November 9th and 10th; please pray for us specifically in our preparation for that retreat as well as for us and all congregations during the retreat.

First Communion & Confirmation Instruction:

At this time we do not have any ongoing Confirmation students; however, our size allows us to be flexible in meeting the needs of family and both first communion instruction and ongoing confirmation classes can be, in conversation, scheduled around your family's needs at this time.

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Unapproved Minutes SALEM LUTHERAN COUNCIL MEETING

September 23, 2018

The council met with the following members present: Chuck Meissner, Nancy Clausen, Danelle Sullivan, Janelle Lewis, Karen Lund, Bob Kabisch, Brent Reinking and Pastor Tami.

Chuck called the meeting to order.

Pastor Tami opened with a prayer.

Correspondence: We received a thank you from STEMM.

Nancy read the secretary's report. Secretary's report was approved as read.

Brent presented the treasurer's reports for July and August. For July there was a balance of \$8627.78 in the Capital Improvement Fund. Parsonage Maintenance fund has a balance of \$4242.45. General fund had an opening balance of \$6679.21. Receipts for July were \$3931.00 plus \$1.15 interest and expenses of \$4385.09 leaving a balance of \$6226.27. August's balance for the Capital Improvement Fund was \$8627.78 and the Parsonage Maintenance Fund was \$4242.45. The general fund opening balance was \$6226.27. Receipts were \$3820.00 plus \$0.96 interest and expenses were \$5706.31 leaving a balance of \$4340.92. There was an in and out transaction of \$1849.00 which were the funds donated for the AED (defibrillator).

Old Business:

Well, septic and chlorine systems were discussed. Nancy did the quarterly micro sampling and annual sampling for nitrites.

Pork chop dinner was discussed. We had a nice turnout and great participation from the congregation. The total raised was \$1810.11.

Harvest Ministry council will meet in October. Pastor Tami said she would like both Parish Eds to meet together sometime to share ideas. She also asked the council to think of items used by both congregations (Portals of Prayer, for instance) that we could consolidate and pay out of Harvest Ministry. She mentioned the joint Thanksgiving Eve service.

Janelle said she has had people approach her about the water at the church and the smell. Brent said there is

literature available on various filtration systems that might work on removing the odor from our water. More investigation is needed.

The congregational vitality team met with members of the council and Pastor Jeff Unga from the synod office on September 15th. The group developed a purpose statement: "Joyfully sharing Christ's love with all, through our worship, friendships and gifts." Council approval is required before we can go forward with that purpose statement. Brent moved to approve the purpose statement and Karen seconded. Motion carried.

Parish Education was discussed. Rally Sunday was celebrated today with an Escape Room theme. All who attended had fun. We are going to be doing a cross generational Sunday School with leader led discussions. We are beginning with a theme of "Compassion" and studying various Old and New Testament stories on that theme. For Christmas there will be a talent show held the week after Christmas followed by carolling. Pastor Tami plans for the youth to heavily involved in the Christmas Eve service. Rock Branch UMC brought over the VBS program they used this year for us to use.

New Business:

The front door replacement was discussed. Before we can truly assess the damage done by water, the drywall in the basement will need to be removed. This will likely take place after harvest is completed. We will need to get replacement doors with a removable center divider that will seal the water from coming in.

One of the toilets in the women's bathroom upstairs needs replaced due to a leaking tank. Brent asked if it would be ok to cap off one of the toilets and just have one toilet instead of two. The council said that would be fine. He will contact Kevin about purchasing one handicapped- height toilet. Pastor Tami suggested purchasing a step stool so children will be able to use the toilet as well.

Trees along the western boundary of the church were discussed. Karen said the cook book fund has over \$2000 left in the account and could purchase some trees. It was decided to survey the congregation on what type of trees to purchase/plant.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Tami talked about fall worship and the upcoming worship committee meeting on October 2nd to discuss Advent worship and start discussing Christmas services. St. John's has a

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confirmation class, Salem does not. Pastor Tami has been researching curriculum that will meet the needs of both congregations. St. John's youth will be painting rocks with kind messages and hiding them. Salem youth are invited to participate. There are other fellowship events for youth being planned. Pastor Tami will be attending her final seminary course on Oct. 5-7.

Next meeting is October 17th at 6:15 PM.
Nancy moved for adjournment and Janelle seconded.
Motion carried.
Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Nancy Clausen, Secretary

Our vision/purpose within God's mission:

*Joyfully sharing Christ's love with all
through our worship, friendships, & gifts.*



Soup Kitchen

Volunteers are needed for the soup kitchen for October 30. Let Dennis or Joan Reinking know if you can help.

CROP WALK OCTOBER 21st

The annual area CROP walk will be held Sunday, October 21st, at 1:30 P.M. at Little Sioux Park, rural Correctionville. On October 14th and 21st there will be a jar in the back of the sanctuary to accept donations for CROP (please make checks out to CWS/CROP or just CROP). Monies raised will be used to fight hunger worldwide. One quarter of the money collected on the CROP walk will be returned to this area for use by local food banks. Please remember our brothers and sisters worldwide who don't have enough food to eat by giving to this worthy cause. Any questions about CROP can be directed to Nancy Clausen, local CROP walk coordinator.

Pork Chop Dinner Results

Thanks to everyone who donated food, money, or helped on behalf of this year's pork chop dinner. We raised \$1810.11 and served around 160 meals. Thanks again for everyone's help!

Salem Fellowship
Committee

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October Service Helpers

Deacon and Trustee and Communion Assistants:

Deacon: Karen Lund
Trustee: Bob Kabisch

October Lay readers

10/7/18 Karen Lund
10/14/18 Nancy Clausen
10/21/18 Janelle Lewis
10/28/18 Clark Byers



October Greeters

10/7/18
10/14/18 Robby Haggin Family
10/21/18 Lewis Family
10/28/18 Brent Reinking Family

Prayers for Salem families and friends:

10/7/18 - Mike Hansen; Teresa Hansen, Amanda & Josh; Diana Herbold; Jackie Herbold
10/14/18 - Chad, Amy, Kayla & Tyler Hill; Kathy Hill; Jeff & Teresa Hilzinger
10/21/18 - Laura, Charlene & Roger Hinkhouse; Paul & Judy Hinkhouse; Colin Hoppe
10/28/18 - Jana & Catelyn Hoppe; John Hoppe; JoAnn Irwin; Gary & Dillon Janssen

October Birthdays

1 Austin Paulsen
1 Phil Reinking
4 Drew Berg
4 Sierra Bush
8 Krystal McBride
8 Tate Rohde
11 Bob Clausen
14 Jon Peschau
15 James & Jared Weaver
17 Danielle Sudbeck
18 Mary McGhee
19 Ben Linn
23 Danika Meissner
25 Lily Peschau

October Anniversaries

5 Jon & Robin Peschau
12 Todd & Trissa Bottorff
22 Mark & Tami Rohde
25 Troy & Pam Bottorff
27 Bob & Carol Kabisch
28 Roger & Joan Reinking

Offering's for September

9/2 Current expense \$1110.00
Attendance 33
9/9 Current expense \$750.00
Attendance 22
9/16 Current expense \$1203.00
Attendance 42
9/23 Current expense \$664.00
Attendance 32

St. John News



October

Lector: Dan Volkert Family
Altar Care: Sheila O'Connell & Lana Lundt
Greeter/Ushers: Dan Volkert Family

Acolytes:
 Oct 7th Trey Heilman & Kreighton Krager
 Oct 14th Colton Porter & Madelyn Jepsen
 Oct 21st
 Oct 28th



Steve Galvin, Vaughn Heyer, Noelle Jacobs,
 Casey Lindsay, Matthew Lundt, Austin Williamson
 Sean Witcomb



Women of the Church

Esther Circle
 Wednesday Oct. 3rd
 Bible Study: Group Discussion
 Hostess: Ruth Durham

Women's General Meeting
 Oct 17th
 Program: Collation on Human Trafficking
 Hostess: Jackie Heyer

Stewardship Project: School Kits



October 10th & 24th There will be quilting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month starting at 9:00. Anyone interested in helping is welcomed.

October Birthdays

1st Cheryl Todd
 2nd Jordan Droegmiller
 George Georgopoulos
 3rd Ruth Durham
 4th Casen Lundt
 5th Jessica Baldwin
 6th Linda Mathers
 8th Randy Dau
 Lorraine Jepsen
 9th Evelyn Henrichsen
 12th Virgil Jensen
 12th Kerri Jepsen
 13th Vicky Thomas
 14th Tom Lynch
 15th Austin Lewis
 17th Tabitha Lewis
 18th Alizane Reinders
 24th Jana Heilman
 25th Dennis Reyman
 27th Jay Slater
 Dylan Wilde
 28th Michael Croxell
 29th Alice Volkert
 30th Daigan Deeds
 Lucile Grell

October Anniversaries

3rd Dave & LeeNette Wiese
 Brianna & Jeff Witzke
 4th Chris & Kris Jepsen
 Paula & Jon Steuk
 5th Terri & Justin Chinn
 Jim & Lana Cunningham
 7th Brant & Allison Kurtz
 Kelly & Kody Wiig
 9th Kent & Kaki Krager
 14th Robert & Susan Mohr
 28th Gayle & Jackie Kay Heyer

Salem will be hosting the Women's Fall Cluster Meeting October 13th @ Salem starting at 9:00



Women's Mission Project for this month in filling School

Bags:

Items needed are listed at the back of the church, check it out items includes: notebooks, rulers, pencil sharpeners, scissors, ballpoint pens (blue or black), pencils, crayons & erasers. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Monthly attendance and giving report:

9/2	Giving	\$1125.00	Attendance	21
9/9	Giving	\$1654.00	Attendance	70
9/16	Giving	\$850.00	Attendance	44
9/23	Giving	\$835.00	Attendance	45

Needed to make budget weekly \$1760.00

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

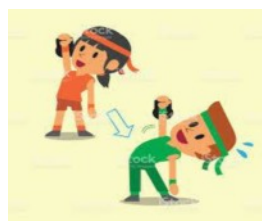
A huge **THANK YOU** to all who donated so many items for the St. John Sunday School mission project in September. We all wore the bright yellow T-shirts with "God's Work. Our Hands" logo. What a beautiful day for a walk around Cushing! We plan to deliver all the items on September 30th to the People's Pantry in Cushing. Thanks to all adults who walked with the kids and those who helped serve the lunch of hot dogs and chips.

CROP WALK

Plan to participate or donate for the CROP walk held on Sunday, October 21st at Little Sioux Park. We will collect "noisy offerings" on Sundays in October. We will meet at the shelter house at 1:30 to walk, or just enjoy visiting while others walk. There will be a scavenger hunt for the youth. A lunch of homemade soup and bars will follow the walk

Acolytes: We are trying something different and we have a sign-up sheet in the sacristy. Please take the time to sign-up for the Sunday's that you could Acolyte.

With Sympathy
Our sympathy goes out to the following families: Bev Arkfeld at the loss of her Mother Phylliss Kabisch; Linda Mathers at the loss of her brother-in-law Jeff Chladek; Cheryl Todd at the loss of her Aunt ViLois Ellerbusch and Betty Streeter at the loss of her brother Luane (Louie) Henderson. We also extend our sympathy to the family of Don Grefe.



Soul Stretch & Strength Exercise class is starting again on October 2nd at 5:00 PM in the church basement. You will need a mat. It is

\$5.00 per session. We need 5 to 6 people per night to attend! Everyone is welcome!!!! Hope to see you there!



THOSE RECEIVING THEIR FIRST COMMUNION:

Kreighton Krager son of Kyle & Kristi Krager

Colton Rohlk son of Brian & Amy Rohlk

Kadyn Volkert daughter of Wade and Tara Volkert

Gavin Wiig son of Kody & Kelly Wiig

St. John News

ST. JOHN WOMEN OF THE ELCA

September 19, 2018

The Women of St. John met on Wednesday, September 19 at 1:30 p.m. 7 members and Pastor Tami were present.

Pastor Tami presented an overview of Gather magazine for the coming year. The fall's Bible study focuses on repentance. It helps us focus on our repentance with God, with others and the world. You can find the Gather at Gather Magazine.com. Gather is, also, filled with many interesting stories. We hope that you can meet with us the first Wednesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. Thank you, Pastor Tami.

The meeting opened at 2:30, Vice-president Geri Susie opened the meeting. The secretary's minutes were read by Gail Stanton. The treasurer's report was given by Sandra Johnson.

5/01/18 bal. \$678.50. Income-\$44.00 Expenses-\$40.00 Bal. 5/31/18- \$682.50

6/01/18 bal.-\$682.50 Income- \$20.00 Expenses-\$0.00 Bal. 6/29/18- \$702.50

6/30/18 bal.- \$702.50. Income- \$71.00 Expenses-\$143.00 Bal. 7/31/18- \$630.50

8/01/18 bal.- \$630.50. Income- \$16.00 Expenses-\$0.00 Bal. 8.31/18- \$646.50

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made Elaine Droegmiller and seconded by Lorraine Jepsen. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

- A letter from LSI asking for a donation for winter apparel for the children.
- A letter from Linda Schied from the Food Bank of Siouxland asking for a donation.
- A news-letter from Habitat for Humanity, Sioux City, reporting on 2 houses finished in 2018. Volunteers and donations would be helpful.

Bills: A bill was received for a Gather magazine subscription.

Old Business:

- A donation of \$59.00 from St John Circle mission project was sent to People's Pantry.
- A second donation will be made in December.

New Business:

- A motion to renew the Gather subscription for \$19.95 was made by Elaine Droegmiller and 2nd by Lana Cunningham. Motion carried.
- Fall Cluster will meet at Salem on Oct. 13 at 9:00 a.m.

Our next meeting is on Oct. 17 at 1:30.

Program: Coalition on Human Trafficking. Jackie Heyer is hostess.

Sandra read the devotions and the meeting closed with the Table Prayer and the Lord's Prayer. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sandra Johnson and 2nd by Lorraine Jepsen. Motion carried. Thank you, Geri, for serving a delicious German chocolate cake, assortment of candies and nuts, with coffee. Ruth Durham, secretary

There are no minutes for the Council; we did not have a quorum present.

August, 2018		
ENDING BALANCES		
	<u>YTD</u>	
CHURCH CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$7,138.26	
BUILDING FUND	\$6,903.14	
CHURCH SAVINGS ACCOUNT	\$17,313.86	
BIBLE CAMP FUND	\$650.79	
<u>CD CURRENT TOTALS</u>		CD TOTALS
COMMUNITY BANK CD (CURRENT)	\$151,198.57	\$202,823.55
FIRST STATE BANK CD (SS)	\$51,624.98	\$202,823.55
SUNDAY SCHOOL CHECKING	\$1,445.15	
SUNDAY SCHOOL SAVINGS	\$12,140.78	
YOUTH CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$1,124.48	
YOUTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT	\$1,630.54	
FLEXIBLE PAYOUT PLAN (THRIVENT)	\$7,520.70	
ALL ACCOUNTS INTEREST EARNED	\$3,680.54	
TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS	\$258,691.25	(Less Interest)

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October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7 8:30 Worship 9:45 Sunday School/ Fellowship	8	9 5:00 Soul Stretch & Strength	10 9:00 Quilting 4:15 Confirmation	11	12	13 Fall Cluster Meeting @ Salem 9:00
14 8:30 Worship 9:45 Sunday School/ Fellowship	15	16 5:00 Soul Stretch & Strength	17 Women's General Meeting Program: Collation on Human Trafficking 4:15 Confirmation	18	19	20
21 8:30 Worship 9:45 Sunday School/ Fellowship 1:30 Crop Walk	22	23 5:00 Soul Stretch & Strength	24 9:00 Quilting 4:15 Confirmation	25	26	27
28 8:30 Worship 9:45 Sunday School/ Fellowship	29	30 5:00 Soul Stretch & Strength	31 4:15 Confirmation	Worship Assistants Lector/Usher/ Greeter Dan Volkert Family	Alter Care: Sheila O'Connell & Lana Lundt	

October 2018 - Salem

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 6 pm -- Worship Comm. meets at Salem	3	4	Pastor Tami attends class at Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, IA 4-7	
7 20 th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday School & Fellowship Hour 9:30 Worship w/HC 10:30	8	9	10 Harvest Ministry Council @ Salem @ 6:30	11 Pastor Tami leads Kingsley Nursing Home service	12 Pastor Tami in Fort Dodge for TEEM event	13 WELCA Fall Cluster Meeting @ Salem 9:00
14 21 st Sunday after Pentecost Sunday School & Fellowship Hour 9:30 Worship w/HC 10:30	15	16	17 Salem Council Mtg @ 6:15 pm	18	19 Pastor's Tami's Sabbath	20 Newsletter items due
21 22 nd Sunday after Pentecost Sunday School & Fellowship Hour 9:30 Worship w/HC 10:30	22	23	24	25	26 Pastor's Tami's Sabbath	27
28 Reformation Sunday Sunday School & Fellowship Hour 9:30 Worship w/HC 10:30 Confirmation	29	30	31	Salem Contact Info Kevin Reinking.....712-375-5405 Council President Newsletter Contact Clark Byers Email cabetal@wiatel.net Salem Lutheran Web Site: http://salemlutheraniowa.com/ For additions to the bulletin contact Pastor Tami by Thursday at tami.harvestministries@gmail.com Text or call: 608.385.9848		

Daily Lectionary and Bible Reading October 2018

10/1 - M: Psalm 5; Zechariah 6:9-15; 1 Peter 1:3-9

10/2 - Tu: Psalm 5; Zechariah 8:18-23; 1 John 2:18-25

10/3 - W: Psalm 5; Zechariah 10:1-12; Matthew 18:6-9

10/4 - Th: Psalm 8; Genesis 20:1-18; Galatians 3:23-29

10/5 - F: Psalm 8; Genesis 21:22-34; Romans 8:1-11

10/6 - Sa: Psalm 8; Genesis 23:1-20; Luke 16:14-18

10/7 - Su: Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 8; Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

10/8 - M: Psalm 112; Deuteronomy 22:13-30; 1 Corinthians 7:1-9

10/9 - Tu: Psalm 112; Deuteronomy 24:1-5; 1 Corinthians 7:10-16

10/10 - W: Psalm 112; Jeremiah 3:6-14; Matthew 5:27-36

10/11 - Th: Psalm 90:12-17; Deuteronomy 5:1-21; Hebrews 3:7-19

10/12 - F: Psalm 90:12-17; Deuteronomy 5:22-33; Hebrews 4:1-11

10/13 - Sa: Psalm 90:12-17; Amos 3:13—4:5; Matthew 15:1-9

10/14 - Su: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

10/15 - M: Psalm 26; Obadiah 1-9; Revelation 7:9-17

10/16 - Tu: Psalm 26; Obadiah 10-16; Revelation 8:1-5

10/17 - W: Psalm 26; Obadiah 17-21; Luke 16:19-31

10/18 - Th: Psalm 91:9-16; Genesis 14:17-24; Romans 15:7-13

10/19 - F: Psalm 91:9-16; Isaiah 47:1-9; Revelation 17:1-18

10/20 - Sa: Psalm 91:9-16; Isaiah 47:10-15; Luke 22:24-30

10/21 - Su: Isaiah 53:4-12; Psalm 91:9-16; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

10/22 - M: Psalm 37:23-40; 1 Samuel 8:1-18; Hebrews 6:1-12

10/23 - Tu: Psalm 37:23-40; 1 Samuel 10:17-25; Hebrews 6:13-20

10/24 - W: Psalm 37:23-40; 1 Samuel 12:1-25; John 13:1-17

10/25 - Th: Psalm 126; Jeremiah 23:9-15; Hebrews 7:1-10

10/26 - F: Psalm 126; Jeremiah 26:12-24; Hebrews 7:11-22

10/27 - Sa: Psalm 126; Jeremiah 29:24-32; Mark 8:22-26

10/28 - Su: Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 126; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

10/29 - M: Psalm 119:17-24; Exodus 4:1-17; 1 Peter 2:1-10

10/30 - Tu: Psalm 119:17-24; 2 Kings 6:8-23; Acts 9:32-35

10/31 - W: Psalm 119:17-24; Jeremiah 33:1-11; Matthew 20:29-34

A Daily Ritual: Make the sign of the cross, saying: “In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.” Light a Candle, if so desired. Then say one of the two prayers below:

Luther’s Morning Prayer: “I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your Dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger: and I pray that you would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body

and soul, and all things. Let Your Holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen”

Luther’s Evening Prayer: “ I Thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your Dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day: and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands, I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.”

Read assigned scriptures, taking time for meditation after each. Then, offer personal prayers/petitions. Close with the Lord’s Prayer.



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