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JULY-AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ at Salem,

I greet you in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord: Grace to you and peace. Amen!

I think I met my match in Brittany Linch this past Sunday, June 21st. I especially enjoyed my conversation with her during the "coffee hour" following the worship service. She appeared boldly direct and honest, with a delightful personality. She reminded me of two of my eight grandchildren - both about Brittany's age. They have a lot to say, and they can engage one in meaningful conversation.

The children in a home and in a congregation can be wonderful reminders to us adults of the need to be honest and celebrative, with a zest for living life full of wonder and expectations. And they have a way of saying things that catch our attention. Join me in thanking God for the gift of children in our adult lives!

One of my favorite writers, Dr. Gerhard E. Frost, a professor at Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, MN., a great preacher and poet, gives us the following insight about children in his volume entitled, BLESS MY GROWING:

I won't forget a small child
who wouldn't say "thank you."
It happened in the doctor's office.
Only a routine check,
but this was followed by a shot,
and the little one cried.
Now the tears were dried
and it was time to go.

Without thinking, I said
"Tell the doctor, 'thank you.' "
Bless her, she wouldn't say it;
and, of course, she was right.
She wouldn't say what she didn't feel;
she wouldn't be false
to please a parent.
Such is the integrity of the child.

I think how we rear our altars
of adult pride,
encouraging hypocrisy and hollow courtesy
by unwise and thoughtless commands.
How we need to subject each request
to the rigid test of a child's integrity,
remembering that a wise man once said:
"Nearly all the truth that is told in this world
is told by children."

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven?" And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them, and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the Kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child, he is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:1).

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Bob

SEE YOU IN CHURCH!

The church office will be closed on, Friday, July 3rd.

The church office hours are: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday; 7:30 am to 12:30 am.

Rev. Solberg is doing pastoral visits every Wednesday. The church office is scheduling 4 to 5 visits each Wednesday. If you would like a pastoral visit on any Wednesday, let the church office know to set up your appointment.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the members of Salem for your generous gift of money. I don't serve as Treasurer because I expect any thanks. I am using the skills God has given me and using them to serve Him and our congregation. Thanks again for thinking of me.
Mike Linch, Treasurer

Salem Church Council Minutes
June 10, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Taylor with Chuck Eilers, Bert Henry, Gary Kessler, Dennis Nardy, Mike Richardson, Flossie Roberts, Todd Stofferan, and Warren Woods in attendance. As well as Margaret Kneedler and Pastor Solberg.

Devotions were led by Dennis Nardy.

M/S/C by Warren Woods and Chuck Eilers to approve the May minutes.

Correspondence: None at this time

Pastor's Report: presented by Pastor Solberg

- a) Pastor expressed gratitude to the congregation for their welcoming spirit. Special thanks to council and committee members, and Margaret for the extra help and guidance. as well as Arlan and Carolyn Biere for opening their home to him.
- b) Pastor's focus while here will be on prayer, an encourager, and a listening ear.
- c) He wants to visit members and follow up on the sick and hospitalized. He will keep a log and provide a report on those he visits.
- d) Pastor will facilitate the ongoing discussion of worship.
- e) He will stay in touch with synod about the call process.

Treasurer's Report was given in the absence of Mike Linch.

M/S/C by Warren Woods and Bert Henry to approve the treasurer's report.

Old Business:

- a) Convention report by Warren and Judy Woods is in the June newsletter. Please read.
- b) Call committee update: Gary Kessler reported that Pastor Danette Johns had sent a profile to review. Committee is meeting June 14.
- c) Chuck Taylor reported that the summer Sundays are full and Margaret has posted a list in the narthex. Communion will be the first and third Sundays in June, and Second and Fourth Sundays in July and August.

New Business

- a) Election of Officers: Presidential nominations: Warren Woods nominated Dennis Nardy, second by Gary Kessler. Chuck Eilers made a motion to cease nominations, second by Bert Henry.
- b) Election of Officers: Vice Presidential nominations: Warren Woods nominated Gary Kessler, second by Dennis Nardy. Bert Henry made a motion to cease nominations, second by Chuck Eilers.
- c) Election of Officers: Secretary nominations: Gary Kessler nominated Sherri Nissen, second by Flossie Roberts. Warren Woods made a motion to cease nominations, second unanimous.
- d) Election of Officers: Treasurer nominations: Dennis Nardy nominated Mike Linch, second by Gary Kessler. Chuck Taylor made a motion to cease nominations, second unanimous.
- e) Question brought up about how worship team leaders can approach inactive members for their month of responsibility.

Committee reports were presented:

- a) **Christian Education:** Bible School will be at the Presbyterian Church starting July 12. A list of needed supplies has been posted. Three campers will be going to camp in July, keep them in prayers.
 - b) **Church Property:** Holes from the trees have been filled and weeds are being sprayed.
 - c) **Social Ministry:** Will be serving open table July 28. Next meeting is July 26.
 - d) **Worship and Music:** Summer Sundays are full and Margaret has posted a list in the narthex. Planning will start with September services. Communion will be the first and third Sundays in June, and Second and Fourth Sundays in July and August.
 - e) **Finance:** no report
- M/S/C: Gary Kessler and Bert Henry to adjourn the meeting.

The next council meeting will be August 12 at 6:30pm. Opening devotions will be led by Pastor Solberg. The meeting adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted:
Sherri Nissen, Council Secretary

JULY AND AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July 5-- Mark Kinkade will be guest speaker

July 12--Rev. Robert Solberg will be guest speaker with communion

July 19—Rev. Pam Schroeder will be guest speaker

July 26--Rev. Robert Solberg will be guest speaker with communion

August 2--Dave Eilers will give slide presentation on trip to Tanzania.

August 9--Rev. Robert Solberg will be guest speaker with communion.

August 16—Rev. Donnette Johns will be guest speaker.

August 23—Rev. Robert Solberg will be guest speaker with communion.

August 30—Rev. Keith Lingwall will be guest speaker.

A special Council meeting was held on Sunday, June 21, 2009. The meeting was called to order by President Dennis Nardy. The following Council and Call Committee were present: Rayma Frank, LouAnn Snodgrass, Flossie Roberts, Gary Kessler, Warren Woods, Chuck Eilers, Mike Richardson, Helen Mosman, Todd Stofferahn, Alan Paup, Raquel Linch, Bert Henry and Sherri Nissen.

Opening prayer was led by President, Dennis Nardy.

Raquel Linch gave an update from the Call Committee. Pastor Donnette Johns gave the committee a name to interview and shared the candidate's profile; as well as Salem's profile with the candidate.

Call Committee met briefly, Sunday, June 7th and decided to move forward with the process to interview Pastor Ben McIntyre from Harlan. Saturday, July 13th, Mike and Raquel Linch and Don and Helen Mosman traveled to Harlan to hear Pastor McIntyre's evening service.

Pastor McIntyre was then interviewed on Thursday, June 18th by the Call Committee. Both his profile and Salem's matched relatively close for strengths and weaknesses. The Call Committee felt he was very personable and a good fit for Salem. All references were favorable.

M/S/C by Chuck Eilers and Mike Richardson for Council to accept the Call Committee's recommendation to offer Pastor McIntyre a call to Salem.

M/S/C by Warren Woods and Flossie Roberts to hold a Special Congregational Meeting on July 12th to vote to proceed with the call.

Following worship service on July 5th, a DVD presentation of Pastor McIntyre's service will be presented for those interested.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherrie Nissen, Council Secretary

We both want to thank each of you for your thoughts, prayers, cards, food and visits during my surgery and recovery. For you to remember us means so much to us. Friends mean so much and Salem friends are among the best.

Bev and Don Butler



Mike Springer, Ray Courtney, Jack Keuter, Justin Staver, Ella Groff, Marge Hansen, Janice Peterson and Willard Peterson. We ask God to send his Holy Spirit to comfort and strengthen these individuals.



Pfc Emily Cruise, Pfc. Matthew Cruse, Major David Cruse, Sgt. Aaron Cunningham, Chief Msgt. David Groff, MGY Sgt. Mark Kinkade, Str. Airman Travis Mathis, SN Tony McNaught, SWCN Beth McNaught, SRA Zacary Sedlmayr, Col. Vic Wager III, Joseph Woodcock—We ask God to lead our young men and women who are protecting our country and serving in the Middle East. Please keep our servicepersons and the families of our military in your prayers.

July Birthdates

07/01 Russell Wachter	07/08 Mike Springer	07/22 Jessica Riley
07/04 Stacy Wood	07/09 Aaron Peterson	Troy Schroeder
07/05 Gabriel Stofferahn	07/10 Jean Western	07/25 Ron Johnson
Zachary Stofferahn	07/12 John Keuter	07/27 Janet Eilers
07/07 Daniel Riley	07/13 Alex Cunningham	Sandi Sickels
Frances Roberg	07/14 Gary Jorgensen	07/29 Mary Jo Foster
Gavin Sickels	Jamie Stofferahn	07/31 Flossie Roberts
Vic Wager	07/21 Bill Kunert	

July Anniversaries

07/03 Dick & Jane Johnston
07/04 Elaine & OJ Fargo
07/04 Jerry & Sherri Nissen
07/04 Todd & Tammy Wolverton
07/08 Warren & Judy Woods
07/15 Bill & Barb Bjorn
07/15 Larry & Claudia Peppers
07/27 Ben & Helen Herzberg
07/28 Bill & Carol Ott
07/31 Todd & Suzie Stofferahn

August Birthdays

08/03 Todd Stofferahn	08/19 Ron Levine	08/26 Jerica Slight
08/04 Chuck Taylor	08/20 Joan Lienemann	Samuel Soda
08/05 Joni Cook	08/21 Joshua Henry	08/28 Brenda Cook
08/07 JoAnn Rathe	Jacob Hitz	08/29 David Rathe
08/09 Grant Wood	08/25 Chuck Henry	08/31 Abbie Cook
08/13 Dylan Linch	Alan Paup	Zacary Sedlmayr
08/18 Skylar Cook		
Kerry Grumley		
Roberta Henry		

August Anniversaries

08/01 Thad & Sandi Sickels
08/02 Tim & Barb Kenyon
08/05 Dave & Gwen Buck
08/10 Ray & Bev Courtney
08/11 Tony & Peggy Cass
08/12 Dennis & Becky Nardy
08/15 Gary & Jorgensen
08/23 Andrew & Jodi Hitz

2009 QUILT AUCTION

RIVERSIDE BIBLE CAMP

STORY CITY, IOWA

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2009

Over 150 donated quilts, many hand-quilted and machine-quilted. The auction will be begin at 1:00 p.m.

To the Members of Salem Lutheran Church;

The Call Committee has recommended to the Council Ben McIntire be called to Salem Lutheran Church. The Call Committee met with Ben for an interview and we were all very impressed. We feel Ben's strengths are a good fit for Salem's needs and wants. A few of us saw Ben preach at his home church. The rest of the committee viewed a DVD of Ben preaching a different day at the same church. Based on our interview, Ben's DVD, Ben's personal profile and high recommendations, the Call Committee felt confident Ben would be good for Salem. The next step is the congregational vote. We will vote to decide whether to send the call to Ben at a Special Congregational meeting on July 12th, following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. So that you may have a little more insight about Ben's style, we will be showing Ben's DVD following our service on July 5th. If you want to view the DVD at another time, contact Raquel Linch at 782-5482.

Ben graduated from Luther Seminary in May 2009. He interned at a pair of churches in South Dakota. His references from South Dakota would have loved to have Ben stay on as their full time pastor. Ben is originally from Harlan, Iowa. He and his wife Monica want to come back to Iowa. Ben is very personable and easy going.

Raquel Linch, Call Committee Chairperson

Call Committee members: Helen Mosman, Lamona Bilderback, Alan Paup, Donovan Richardson, Gary Kessler and Loyal Winborn

Dennis Nardy, Council President

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:

On May 28th Breta Kinkade received the "Breta Kinkade Distinguished Volunteer Service Award for Southwest Iowa" by Area XIV Agency on Aging. Breta has been serving on various boards and volunteering her time for the last 35 years. This award will be given out each year and it will always be called the "Breta Kinkade Distinguished Volunteer Award for Southwest Iowa".

Tim Kinkade has never been thanked for putting in the Handicapped Stool and Hand Railing in the upstairs bathroom. Thank you Tim, it has been much appreciated.

Crocodile Dock Vacation Bible School is getting closer!

Salem Lutheran Church and First Presbyterian Church are planning an exciting adventure that will provide fun, memorial Bible-learning activities for kids age four through 5th grade. Each day kids will sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, nibble tasty treats, experience Bible adventures and create fun Bible crafts.

Crocodile Dock is July 12-17. Kids will meet at First Presbyterian Church each day from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. On the final night we invite everyone to an ice cream social while the kids show off what they learned and created throughout the week.

To help us collect information early on, we ask you to preregister your child or grandchild. There are forms in the back of the church to fill out. Put the completed form for each child in VBS Director Raquel Linch's church box.

We could also use some more helpers for VBS. We need help with the nursery, preschool, craft helpers, crew leaders and registration. We will be having a short meeting for all leaders and helpers July 8th at 6:00 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church to go over everyone's role and finalize plans. Contact Raquel Linch at 782-5482 with any questions or to volunteer. Thanks!!

WOMAN OF THE ELCA JULY AND AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Summer has arrived so there will be no circle meetings during July or August.

Joyce Anderson and Carolyn Biere will be attending the 22nd annual Western Iowa Synodical Women's Convention at First Lutheran Church in West Okoboji, June 27th. Carolyn will be our voting delegate. It was voted to donate \$25.00 toward Cherish Center, a maternity home for pregnant teens in the Iowa Great Lakes area, for the In-Gathering at the Women's Convention.

We wish to thank the McNaught family for their donation of \$ 125.00 for serving Clinton's funeral luncheon.

Last year we reminded everyone to purchase school supplies in the summer, when they are on sale, for the kits that will be assembled in October.

If anyone has news or concerns for the women during the summer months, please contact me, Bev Butler, 782-4050. Have a great summer and we will resume in the fall.

Bev Butler

Report of the WISDO Convention from Milford, June 27, 2009

First Lutheran Church at Milford hosted the WISWO convention this year. Carolyn Biere went with me as a delegate from Salem. We attended the work day before the convention to finalize the planning. We also had an official board meeting. This fall Cluster 13 will not be having a Cluster meeting but instead will attend a Regional one. The place nor the date has not been set but will be the latter part of September or first part of October. I will be attending another board meeting in 2 weeks and details will be finalized then. This meeting will be more of training session plus Bible study and last for 2-3 hours.

Our theme for the day was "Women of Salt". After 224 members and guests had been registered the convention opened with worship and communion. Session one of the business meeting consisted mainly of committee reports. Elections were held and I was re-elected for another 2 year term. Pat McGill was our key note speaker in the afternoon. She challenged us to step up and show off our saltiness. Bishop Lost also thanked us for our continued support of the projects in Tanzania and continue our spiciness in our work. Two \$ 2,000 scholarships were awarded to Kelly Sthur of Lytton and Jennifer Thul of Sioux City.

In-kind offering went to Cherish House in Milford, which amounted to \$ 13,000. They made a presentation at our Cluster meeting as well as many others and the women responded in a very generous way. The offering for the convention was \$ 7,600.00.

Next year's convention will be here in Southwest Iowa at Atlantic, so I would encourage you to make June 26th on your calendars. It's a great opportunity to become re-energized and see what work is being done in Western Iowa.

Joyce Anderson
WISWO Board Member

