

# Salem Lutheran Church



FOLLOWING JESUS,  
SHARING COMPASSION,  
COVERED BY GRACE



  
Pastor's Report

Reformation Sunday will be on October 25 this month. It will be a “red” Sunday and everyone is invited to join in the celebration by wearing something red. There will be festive elements to our worship time and our countdown of Salem’s Top 50 hymns will conclude with the closing hymn. I invite you to guess what our number one hymn turned out to be!

Sometimes this uniquely protestant Christian festival gets treated as merely a historical museum. A rehashing of the heroic stories of Martin Luther and the other reformers from the 16<sup>th</sup> century. Those who first thought of using the Sunday close to the anniversary of Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses on the door of the university chapel in Wittenberg in 1517 were hoping to keep certain truths active in our present. At its core, the Reformation rediscovered a beautiful, life-changing truth: you are saved by grace through faith, as a gift from God. You do not have to earn God’s love. You do not have to hustle, achieve, or prove your worth to the Creator of the universe. Your foundational identity as a child of God is forever secure.

But grace was never meant to be a comfortable cushion. It is a catalyst. When Jesus sets us free, he frees us from the exhausting burden of trying to save ourselves, and he frees us for a life of radical and courageous love. The slogan of the Reformation became “The church reformed, always being reformed.” That means that Reformation is an ongoing active process in our lives and in our life together. God is constantly reshaping us to meet the needs of a hurting world.

Our Lutheran spirituality does not stay trapped inside our church. We are those who put our faith into action:

- Seek out the lonely. Extend the unconditional welcome you receive at Christ’s table to a neighbor or a friend who feels isolated or forgotten.
- Advocate for justice: Sometimes this makes people uncomfortable, but it means we speak up for those whose voices are marginalized, honoring the dignity God give to every human being.
- Serve with humility: We look for practical ways to ease another’s burden through acts of kindness or service in our community’s food pantry and other ministries.

The experience of God’s Spirit always Re-forming us reminds us that when our service ends on October 25, it simply changes location. We are sent forth to be the hands and feet of Christ’s renewing grace in the world.

God Bless  
Pastor Jim



# Salem Church Council Minutes

**Tuesday, September 15, 2026 5:30**

**President:** Thom Guzman **Treasurer:** Barb & Tim Kenyon

**V. President:** Sherri Boschee **Secretary:** Sherri Nissen

Daniel Clausen, Sheila Clausen, Linda Huffman, Barb Kenyon, Tim Kenyon, Chris Lane, Dennis Nardy, Sherri Nissen, Pastor Jim, and Thom Guzman

Tuesday, September 15th, 2026 5:30 Meeting

Following Jesus, Sharing Compassion, Covered by Grace

Devotions—Pastor Jim on Matthew 20

Approval of Agenda—Tim and Sherri PASSED

Approval of August 18 minutes—Tim and Daniel PASSED

Treasurers Report

Daniel and Dennis

Pastors Report

Tim and Barb—RECEIVED

Old Business

- Sign—Tim has the sign at his home for cleaning.
- Senior Award—Has not yet met
- Lower Roof project—initial estimate has been generated of \$35,000. Further explanation is being sought
- Kitchen drain project—Awaiting Troy and AJ to evaluate.

New Business

- Benevolence—Motion by Tim to allow September to replenish housing fund and pay Lutheran Lakeside for the Sewer project with October benevolence. Tim and Motion Passed
- Organ—Levison has been consulted on the noise in the organ cabinet. Likely a failure of motor or fan. Problem seems to be severe and escalating. Dave Albitrup will be taking a look. We may need a visit by Levison. Replacement of blower may require \$7500-10K.

Committees

- Long Range planning—Met on September 14. Looking at All committee meeting is being changed to chairs of committees later this fall. November 8 or November 15 are proposed dates. Use of Invitation to communion for a sign to be hung on the stairwell wall.
- Property
- Christian Ed
- Outreach—met on September 15. Considering participation in Bright Eyes with a prayer theme on October 24.
- Worship and Music—Blessings of the Animals on Oct 4, Reformation Day
- Memorial committee
- Stewardship—met on August 24
- Endowment—Meeting to be scheduled

Next Meetings- October 13th Executive committee at 5:00. October 20<sup>th</sup> Council meeting at 5:30

Adjourn Linda and Sherri B.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Leadership Institute @ KC- Sep. 30<sup>th</sup>- Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**October 1<sup>st</sup>- Miriam Circle @ Salem at 6:30**

**October 4<sup>th</sup>- Blessing of Animals**

**October 5<sup>th</sup>- Christian Ed Meeting @4**

**October 8<sup>th</sup>- Worship & Music Meeting @ 5:15**

**October 11<sup>th</sup>- Dedication of Quilts**

**October 12<sup>th</sup>- Columbus Day**

**October 13- Executive Council Meeting @ 5**

**October 18<sup>th</sup>- Food Pantry Volunteer**

**October 20<sup>th</sup>- Outreach Meeting @ 4:30**

**October 20<sup>th</sup>- Council Meeting @5:30**

**October 24<sup>th</sup>- Bright Eyes in the Park**

**October 25<sup>th</sup>- Reformation Sunday**

## Miriam Circle



6:30pm on Thursday, Oct. 1st @ Salem

Please bring your September/October edition of the  
Gather magazine.

All women are welcome!

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**We would like to thank everyone for your care and support during the passing of my brother, Randall Bowen. Whether you sent a card, memorial, or gave a hug and shared kind words it is greatly appreciated. Love Jerry, Sherry, and Amanda Nissen.**

## October Chronological Bible Readings

|      |                                   |
|------|-----------------------------------|
| 1st  | Luke 1; John 1:1-14               |
| 2nd  | Matthew 1; Luke 2:1-38            |
| 3rd  | Matthew 2; Luke 2:39-52           |
| 4th  | Matthew 3; Mark 1; Luke 3         |
| 5th  | Matthew 4; Luke 4-5; John 1:15-51 |
| 6th  | John 2-4                          |
| 7th  | Mark 2                            |
| 8th  | John 5                            |
| 9th  | Matthew 12:1-21; Mark 3; Luke 6   |
| 10th | Matthew 5-7                       |
| 11th | Matthew 8:1-13; Luke 7            |
| 12th | Matthew 11                        |
| 13th | Matthew 12:22-50                  |
| 14th | Matthew 12; Luke 8                |
| 15th | Matthew 8:14-34; Mark 4-5         |
| 16th | Matthew 9-10                      |
| 17th | Matthew 14; Mark 6; Luke 9:1-17   |
| 18th | John 6                            |
| 19th | Matthew 15; Mark 7                |
| 20th | Matthew 16; Mark 8; Luke 9:18-27  |
| 21st | Matthew 17; Mark 9; Luke 9:28-62  |
| 22nd | Matthew 18                        |
| 23rd | John 7-8                          |
| 24th | John 9:1-10:21                    |
| 25th | Luke 10-11; John 10:22-42         |
| 26th | Luke 12-13                        |
| 27th | Luke 14-15                        |
| 28th | Luke 16-17:10                     |
| 29th | John 11                           |
| 30th | Luke 17:11-18:14 Matthew          |
| 31st | 19;                               |



Mark & Brenda Sedlmayr 10/13  
Dave & Barb Abildtrup 10/23



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| Becky Nardy      | 10/07 |
| Daeton Abildtrup | 10/14 |
| Kathy Kendrick   | 10/14 |
| Eric Neeley      | 10/25 |
| Darrel Wilson    | 10/25 |
| Isaac Sedlmayr   | 10/28 |
| Joshua Peppers   | 10/28 |



*We pray for those people who are hurting and going through some unimaginable circumstances. We pray for those who want their lives to be better and to be free from those things that may be holding them back. We may not know them, but God knows their situation. Amen.*

Larry Kimball, Dorothy Vanella, Kathy Kendrick, Sue McDonald, Lee Keuter, Tim Kinkade, Meyer Mixdorf, Zach Henry, Gregory Boschee, Becky Keuter, Carol Ott, Josh Kendrick, Betty Wager, Jerry Nissen, Gail Peterson, Jen Bush, Diane Nielson, Bruce Kerr, Elna Nissen, Judy Eklund, Carolyn Biere, and Claudia Peppers.

Local Military People who have been deployed and are currently serving.

*We can never thank our military men and women enough for their service and sacrifice to our country and its people. Today we express gratefulness and honor to these military troops, past and present. We pray to be shown ways in our communities, churches, and families to thank and love them better.*



Autumn reminds us to see the beauty in change

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Women of the **EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

Thank you to everyone that donated and helped with making quilts or put kits together.

Quilts will be dedicated on Sunday October 11th and sent out on Saturday October 17th.

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat



1

2  
Miriam Circle  
@ Salem at  
6:30

3

5 9 am Adult SS  
10am Worship &  
Communion  
Blessing of Animals

5  
Christian Ed  
Meeting @ 4

6  
Quilting  
@1:30

7  
Choir practice  
@5:30

8 Bell Choir  
@6:15  
Worship &  
Music  
@4:15

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10

11  
9am Adult SS  
10am Worship  
**Noisy Offering**  
Dedication of  
Quilts

12  
Columbus Day

13  
Quilting  
@1:30  
Executive  
Council  
Meeting @5  
pm

14  
Choir practice  
@5:30

15

16

17

18  
9am Adult SS  
10am Worship &  
Communion  
  
Food Pantry  
Volunteer

19

20 Quilting  
@1:30  
Outreach  
@4:30  
Council  
Meeting @  
5:30pm

21  
Choir practice  
@5:30

22  
Bell Choir  
@6:15

23

24  
Bright  
Eyes in  
the Park

25  
9am Adult SS  
10am Worship  
**Noisy Offering**



REFORMATION  
Sunday

26

27  
1:30  
Quilting

28  
Choir practice  
@5:30pm

29

30

31  
Halloween  


November 1st-  
Daylight Savings  
Ends



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