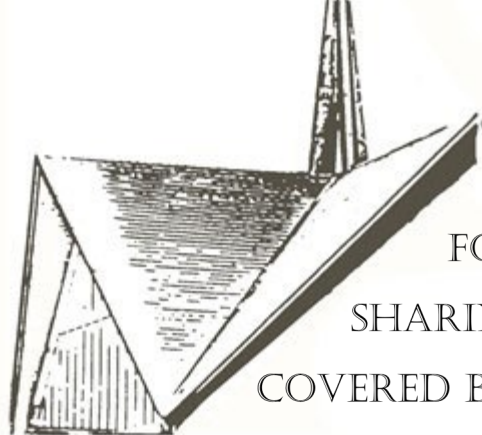


Salem Lutheran Church



FOLLOWING JESUS,
SHARING COMPASSION,
COVERED BY GRACE



*All Are
Welcome Here!*

“Those in whom the Spirit comes to live are God’s new Temple. They are, individually and corporately, places where heaven and earth meet.”

--N.T. Wright, *Simply Christian: Why Christianity Makes Sense*

Ask someone to explain Christmas and you’ll probably get a good answer about God coming to us as a little baby. Ask someone to explain Easter, and they’ll tell you about Jesus being raised from the dead. Ask someone about Pentecost, and you may get a blank wondering stare—Pente. . .what?

There are three great events the church tries to remember through its annual cycle of celebrations—the birth of Jesus, his death and resurrection, and the pouring out of the Holy Spirit upon the church. Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost. Together they make a story of how God is at work saving this good creation of God’s from sin and death. God decides to jump right into the human predicament by being born. God chooses to suffer and die a human death on the cross to break the hold of death over his children. And then, at the request of Jesus (see John 14: 16-17), the Spirit of God—the strange and mysterious third person of the Holy Trinity—is sent to make every follower of Jesus, into a prophet so that the Truth and Life of God may be known by all. The story we tell each year across the Sundays does not stop with Easter. Like Paul Harvey used to say, there is still the ‘rest of the story.’

But somehow, we 21st century American Christians tend to skip the last part. Our Pentecost celebrations are small or half hearted compared to Christmas and Easter. (Could it be no one has quite figured out how to give the Holy Spirit the ‘Hallmark treatment?’) But Pentecost, the story of the coming of the Holy Spirit, deserves our attention and praise. The quote by N.T. Wright above puts it poetically. The Holy Spirit is God’s presence with the church in the world here and now. The Spirit is the source of our power to pray, to preach, and even to have faith in Christ at all. In the Spirit we become witnesses—sometimes it’s what we say, but it’s more how we are shaped by God to become reflectors of the Gospel. We are how the good news of God’s love gets seen. It’s important. It’s awesome. And maybe just a little scary.

The Spirit’s coming is worthy of our worship. Pentecost Sunday this year is on June 8. Please make plans to join us that day. And I have an invitation—try to wear something Red, the color of Pentecost. It can be your Cyclone gear or your Nebraska stuff. Hawkeye fans will have to borrow. But let’s make the church red for Pentecost as we celebrate with the Spirit who dances among us in God’s delight.

God bless,

Pastor Jim



Salem Church Council Minutes

May 21st, 2025

President: Tim Kinyon **Treasurer:** Barb Kenyon
V. President: Sandi Sickels **Secretary:** Sherri Nissen

Sherri Boschee
Deb Pantini

Jewel Baseley
Daniel Clausen

Chris Lane
Sheila Clausen

Linda Huffman

CHURCH COUNCIL minutes May 21st, 2025, 5:30 Meeting

Prayer: Pastor Jim

The meeting was called to order by President, Tim Kenyon with the following members in attendance: Jewel Baseley, Sherri Boschee, Daniel Clausen, Sheila Clausen Linda Huffman, Barb Kenyon, Chris Lane, Raquel Linch, Sherri Nissen, Deb Pantini and Pastor Jim. Thom Guzman joined us before his council term begins. Sandi Sickels was absent.

M/S/C by Sherri Boschee and Daniel Clausen to approve the agenda.

M/S/C by Sherri Nissen and Jewel Baseley to approve the April minutes adding May 21 as the correct date.

Treasurers Report: Barb Kenyon

Contributions to Date through 2025	\$47,944.00
Expenses to Date through 2025	\$35,996.00
Monthly contributions April	\$12,198.00
Monthly Expenses April	\$13,144.00
General Fund	\$26,599.75
Memorial Fund	\$9,827.08
Replacement Fund	\$3,594.46
Special Funds	\$3,754.78
CD	\$15,000.00

Note: March and April Admin. Expenses were up due to the extra work during Lent, Holy Week, Easter.

M/S/C by Linda Huffman and Chris Lane to accept the treasurer's report

Pastor's and/or President's report – See Attached report

Old Business:

FYI: A sign-up sheet was passed around for council members to be weekly counters. These will be posted in the bulletin as reminders.

FYI: Staff evaluations went well with necessary changes made to job descriptions, as of May 2025. Everyone has a current copy.

New Business:

M/S/C by Daniel Clausen and Sherri Boschee to give Christian Education information on the Lutheran Lakeside – For Every Season Campaign letter. This is supported through the women's group.

June Benevolence: M/S/C by Raquel Lynch and Sheila Clausen to give \$150 towards the Long Table and the remaining balance to the Food Shelf (Mark O'Riley)

M/S/C by Sheila Clausen and Raquel Lynch to approve pastor's mileage/expense report as presented.

Table the finalization of the yearbook, to be emailed after the June council meeting.

Table updating the building use policy from 2022

AA request: will stay as it currently stands

FYI: Hitz's may be retiring from custodial staff June 2026. Possible option may be to work through Innovative Industries.

M/S/C by Sherri Boschee and Sheila Clausen to move the music file cabinets for easier access. Worship and Music will take care of this at their meeting on May 22.

Tabled Levison agreement for tuning.

Committee Reports:

Christian Education: Jodi Hitz, Joan Triggs, and Joni Cook have requested to go off of the committee

Church Property: Boogie Painting will be back to redo the north door as the paint is chipping. They will also treat the playground equipment at no cost. M/S/C by Daniel Clausen and Deb Pantini to have the committee move forward and call a plumber to replace the flush valve in the men's toilet downstairs. Money will come from replacement.

Outreach Ministry: will be serving the One in Christ meals July 28th and 29th. FYI: OpenTable has now been permanently move to the Methodist Church basement. This will be and the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month.

Worship & Music: will meet May 22

Memorial Committee:

Stewardship: they have new ideas to present to the congregation this fall and will continue planning

Endowment:

Other:

The next executive meeting will be _____, and the regular council meeting will be Tuesday, June 10 at 5:30 pm. Opening devotions will be led by the council.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sherri Nissen Council Secretary

"Special thanks to Randy Cook for his continued work mowing Salem's yard and making it look pristine each week."



Pastor Report for June 2025

Report of the Pastor April/May

Attended final Sunday Ecumenical Lenten Service

Holy Week services

Maundy Thursday

Preached Good Friday Ecumenical service at Roman Catholic

Good Friday liturgy of the Nails at Salem

Used 4 days vacation (no Sundays)

Attended "Leading Beyond the Walls" Continuing Ed event in Leawood KS (2 CE days)

Worship/Preaching planning retreat for June-August

Attended and ran powerpoint for the Ecumenical Creston HS Baccalaureate service

Numerous "Cookies and Conversation" outings

2 Western Iowa Synod Bishop's Election taskforce Zoom meetings

2 shut-in calls

1 worship guest follow-up visit

1 Council Member visit

Adult Sunday School class preparation and teaching



Larry Kimball
Dorothy Vanella
Jerry Nissen
Kathy Kendrick
Tim Kinkade
Zach Henry
Arlan Biere
Gregory Boschee
Becky Keuter
Carol Ott
Gary Kessler
Donna Scheel
Sue McDonald
Lee Keuter
Meyer Mixdorf
Christine Moffett
Sandy Kessler

*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.*



*We can never thank our
military men and women
enough for their service and
sacrifice to our country and its
people. Today we express grate-
fulness 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. Keep and
protect these heroes and their
families.*

*We ask this in the name of Jesus
Christ our Lord and Savior.
Amen.*



Quilters will work the month of June and will work
every other week in July and August.



Salem's Annual Fundraiser Sale will be held on Saturday, June 28th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. This is our only annual cash income event to support many worthy causes in our community, in Iowa and around the world. Along with the merchandise and Bake Sale, we will be serving cinnamon rolls, homemade pies and sloppy joes.



All church members are invited to donate sale items, bake sale items, and volunteer some work time.

Donations may be brought in during the week of the sale. Tables will be labeled to designate where items should be placed.

A worker sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex so you can select various times to help out—either before, during or after the sale is over.

Your assistance in making our sale a success is greatly appreciated!

*May your graduation
be the beginning of
many more wonderful
achievements in your life.*

Congratulations



Xander Peterson



LET'S READ THE BIBLE TOGETHER IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

1st	Psalm 119:89-176	10th	Proverbs 22-24	17th	Proverbs 25-26
2nd	Solomon 1-8	11th	1Kings 5-6	18th	Proverbs 27-29
3rd	Proverbs 1-3		2Chronicles 2-3	19th	Ecclesiastes 1-6
4th	Proverbs 4-6	12th	1Kings 7, 2Chronicles 4	20th	Ecclesiastes 7-12
5th	Proverbs 7-9	13th	1Kings 8, 2Chronicles 5	21st	1Kings 10-11
6th	Proverbs 10-12	14th	2Chronicles 6-7		2Chronicles 9
7th	Proverbs 13-15		Psalm 136	22nd	Proverbs 30-31
8th	Proverbs 16-18	15th	Psalm 134 and 146-150	23rd	1Kings 12-14
9th	Proverbs 19-21	16th	1Kings 9, 2Chronicles 8	24th	2Chronicles 10-12
				25th	1Kings 15:1-24
					2Chronicles 13-16
				26th	1Kings 15:25-16:34
					2Chronicles 17
				27th	1Kings 17-19
				28th	1Kings 20-21
				29th	1Kings 22
					2Chronicles 18
				30th	2Chronicles 19-23

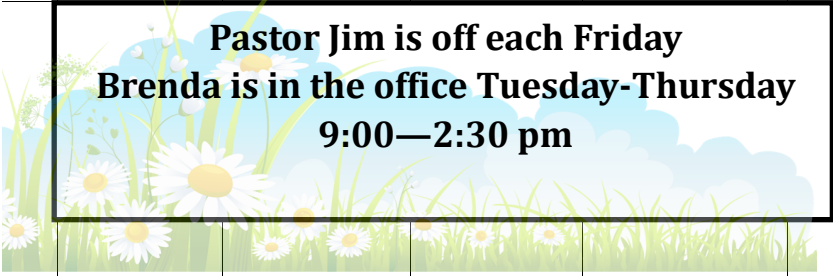


Carol Ott	7th	Dick Engelson	22nd
Abigail Peterson	7th	Dennis Hanson	25th
Daniel Boschee	13th	Sherri Nissen	27th
Winston Guiter	19th	Galen Zumbach	29th
		Gary Boschee	30th



Kevin & Joan Triggs	6/10
Chuck & Jan Eilers	6/24
Chris & Sarah Lane	6/24
Jewel & Ron Baseley	6/24



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
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1 10 am Worship & Communion	2	3 Quilting 1:30 pm	4 Choir Practice	5 Miriam Circle 6:30 pm @ Salem	6 Office Closed	7
8 10 am Worship Service	9	10 Quilting 1:30 pm Council Meeting 5:30 pm	11 Choir Practice	12	13 Office Closed	14
15 10 am Worship & Communion 	16	17 Quilting 1:30	18 Choir Practice Council Meeting 5:30 pm	19	20 Office Closed	21
22 10 am Worship	23	24 Quilting 1:30	25 Choir Practice	26	27 Office Closed	28 Annual Rummage Sale @ Salem 8 am—2pm
29 10 am Worship	30					

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