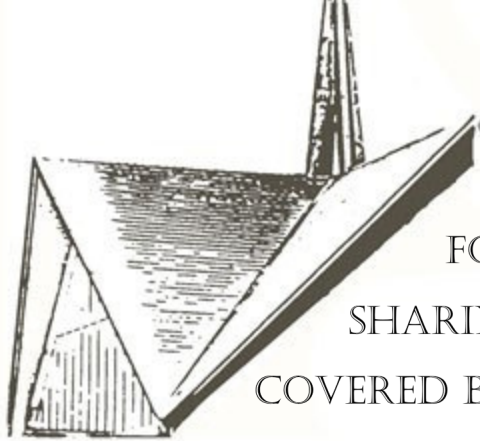


Salem Lutheran Church



FOLLOWING JESUS,
SHARING COMPASSION,
COVERED BY GRACE



*All Are
Welcome Here!*

On June 28th Salem will receive several new members. One will be received by baptism and several others by what we call 'affirmation of faith.' There will be a celebratory potluck after worship that day. I encourage all of us to come and encourage these brothers and sisters in faith as they take this step in their discipleship. These incoming members are taking up the commitment we all make together to grow in:

- Worship
- Learning
- Prayer
- Serving
- Giving and generosity
- Sharing faith

One doesn't have to be a formal member to be considered part of the Salem community, but I am thankful whenever people feel ready to take these active steps in their faith. If you have been part of the Salem community in any way and have an interest in taking this step and I have not connected with you to make an invitation to membership, please be in contact with me. There is always room.

Most congregations can't help feeling hopeful and excited when people choose to join. There certainly can be a feeling of affirmation of who we are or what we are doing together and we benefit from the gifts and commitments to our life together of new members. But the charge a congregation has from Jesus is not to simply become a bigger church, or to be a church that carries on into the future. The future of the church is about more than any one congregation. A congregation's purpose is to lead people to know and follow the way of Jesus and to make known his coming kingdom in a particular place. When people join us, let our focus be on the step up in their faith they are taking and perhaps we can be reminded and encourage to take further steps in faith ourselves. It's important that congregations, ours included, grow not only in numbers but in faithfulness. Praise be to God for all of it.

God bless,

Pastor Jim



Salem Church Council Minutes

May 19th, 2026

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

Sherri Boschee
Thom Guzman

Jewel Baseley
Daniel Clausen

Chris Lane
Sheila Clausen

Linda Huffman

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

May 19, 2026, 5:30 Meeting

Devotions: Pastor Jim

The meeting was called to order by President, Sandi Sickels with the following members in attendance: Jewel Baseley, Sherri Boschee, Daniel Clausen, Sheila Clausen, Thom Guzman, Linda Huffman, Barb and Tim Kenyon, Chris Lane, Pastor Jim, and Sherri Nissen. As well as Dennis Nardy.

Approve the Agenda: M/S/C by Tim Kenyon and Thom Guzman as amended to include i) Leadership Institute under new business and the typo for general fund should read \$25, 651.75.

Approve the April Council Minutes: M/S/C by Sherri Boschee and Jewel Baseley

Approve May 3, 2026 Special Council meeting minutes: M/S/C by Thom Guzman and Sheila Clausen

Treasurer's Report: As presented, Barb Kenyon

Receive the Treasurers' report: M/S/C by Sheila Clausen and Daniel Clause with amendments and clarifications.

Approve Expenses: M/S/C by Thom Guzman and Chris Lane to pay the remaining balance of the restroom project out of replacement. M/S/C by Tim Kenyon and Sherri Nissen to pay \$50 for Pastor's cell phone and \$425 to Levinson for organ repair and tuning.

Pastor's Report: See attached report

Old Business:

a) Future Awards for Graduates: Butler memorial money in endowment, need a committee to write guidelines/policy with guidance from endowment and council approval. Christian Ed committee will make recommendations for recipient. M/S/C by Pastor Jim and Barb Kenyon to have Sheila Clausen, Thom Guzman, and Sandi Sickles form a committee "Salem Senior Award" to draft guidelines and criteria.

b) Denomination emblem on the sign replacing top portion (Tim volunteered to work with property committee and Pastor can get the graphic) M/S/C by Linda Huffman and Jewel Baseley.

c) Food shelf update: check daily for spoiled food or that has been tampered with. Outreach will schedule a meeting with all that contribute to brainstorm solutions. M/S/C by Tim Kenyon and Sherri Boschee to table further discussion until after the scheduled meeting.

d) Restroom update: Everything is complete

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES Cont.

May 19, 2026, 5:30 Meeting

New Business:

- a) June Benevolence: M/S/C by Jewel Baseley and Thom Guzman to give it to the Outreach committee to use for One in Christ summer meals
- b) Garage sale items: candélabres, crosses, paint, etc – Council reviewed the items and those with memorial tags on them we will keep. Unanimous vote to donate other items to Crest Area Theater. Paint will go on the sale then to the landfill paint exchange if it does not sell.
- c) Council members: Sandi and Jewel going off, Dennis coming on. Vote for officers in May to have correct information in the yearbook.
 - Election of Officers: President Thom Guzman by Sherri Boschee
 - Vice President: Sherri Boschee volunteered if Thom agreed to be President
 - Secretary: Sherri Nissen – agreed to continue
 - Treasurer: Barb & Tim Kenyon volunteered to be co-treasurers
- M/S/C by Thom Guzman and Sherri Boschee to receive the officers
- d) Pastor's summer vacation days: July 15-29. Need pulpit supply July 19th & 26th
- e) M/S/C by Sherri Nissen and Jewel Baseley to approve the Kitchen/fellowship hall responsibilities policy and add to yearbook (**These are posted on the refrigerator and must be followed by all member and non-member groups**).
- f) Groups/Committees will be responsible for setting up in the fellowship hall. Ask for help if needed
- g) ProKleen will gather all trash on Fridays and place in the large plastic bin in the furnace room to be carried out by volunteers.
- h) Tim Kenyon acknowledged we received a certified letter regarding Dorothy McNaught's estate. Upon settling the estate Salem may/may not receive a memorial donation.
- i) Leadership Institute Sept. 30 – Oct. 2 in Leawood, KS. Pastor will attend(through continuing education)and two others. Dennis Nardy volunteered and possibly Sherri Boschee. Attendees will pay for housing.
 - M/S/C by Thom Guzman and Barb Kenyon to allow \$300 per person for registration from special funds.

Committee Reports:

- i. Christian Education: Fliers are being distributed for VBS to be held July 6th – 9th Sign up sheets for help will be coming out soon. Planning continues
- ii. Church Property: Basement restrooms are now complete and playground repaired
- iii. Outreach Ministry: They will be helping with the Food Pantry June 19th, discussed helping with VBS, and are planning for One in Christ Meals August 5th & 6th
- iv. Worship & Music: Liturgy has been planned through June. They will have a special performance on Pentecost Sunday. June 28th will be a new member Sunday with a potluck. This is the last choir performance for the summer and bell choir will be performing during summer months. They are planning inter-generational services/activities with Accura Nursing Home
- v. Memorial Committee:
- vi. Stewardship:
- vii. Endowment:
- viii. Long Range Planning:
- ix. Other:

The next executive meeting will be June 9th at 4:00, and the regular council meeting will be Tuesday, June 16th at 5:30pm. Pastor will lead opening devotions.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sherri Nissen, Council Secretary

Larry Kimball
Dorothy Vanella
Jerry Nissen
Kathy Kendrick
Tim Kinkade
Zach Henry
Arlan Biere
Gregory Boschee
Becky Keuter
Carol Ott
Josh Kendrick
Betty Wager
Sue McDonald
Lee Keuter
Meyer Mixdorf
Christine Moffett
Gail Peterson
Phillip Eason
Jen Bush
Diane Nielson
Roxanne & Jack Wilson

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 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. 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.



Bell Choir will be meeting the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month during the summer.

Voice choir is off for the summer.



Salem's Annual Fundraiser Sale will be held on Saturday June 27, from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. This is our only annual cash income event to support many worthy causes in our community, 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 to the church beginning on Tuesday, June 23. Tables will be labeled to designate where items should be placed.

A worker signup 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!



On May 6th, Council President Sandi Sickels and Pastor Jim attended Senior Awards Night at Creston High School to present Wyatt Hits with an award made possible by an anonymous donation. The award was to recognize this young man's devotion to the life and mission of Salem and his personal example of Christian faith. It was such an honor to present this year's Salem Lutheran Church award of \$500 to Wyatt Hits. Congratulation Wyatt!

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



Congratulations

Wyatt Hits



Quilt Dedication for Wyatt on May 10th
 Pictured with Wyatt are his parents Andi and Jodi Hitz, Nancy Taylor representing the quilters and Pastor Jim. The quilt was given as a reminder of the warmth and love that God, his parents, and his Salem family wrap him in as he leaves home to take his next steps at UNI this fall.

The Western Iowa Synodical Women's Organization convention is just a few weeks away. Deadline for registration is June 12th (helps plan for food and craft supplies) or day of. **Registration sheet on page 8**



Western Iowa Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
 God's work. Our hands.

LET'S READ
THE BIBLE
 TOGETHER
 IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

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| 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 |
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| 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 |



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



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| | 1 Bible Study @ 6 Christian Ed @ 4 | 2 Election Day  Outreach @ 5:30 | 3 | 4 Miriam Circle 6:30 pm @ Salem Pastor out of office | 5 OFFICE Closed | 6 |
| 7 10 am Worship Service & Communion Meeting after worship for Summer Sale | 8 Long Range Meeting @ 5 Bible Study @ 6 | 9 Quilting 1:30 pm Executive Council Meeting 5:30 pm | 10 | 11 Bell Choir @ 6:15 Worship & Music Meeting @ 5:15 | 12 OFFICE Closed | 13 |
| 14 10 am Worship | 15 Bible Study @ 6 | 16 Quilting 1:30 Outreach @ 4:30 Council Meeting @ 5:30 pm | 17 | 18 | 19 OFFICE Closed | 20 |
| 21 10am Worship & Communion Food Pantry Volunteer  | 22 Bible Study @ 6 | 23 Quilting 1:30 | 24 | 25 Bell Choir @ 6:15 | 26 OFFICE Closed | 27 Annual Rummage Sale @ Salem 8am—2pm |
| 28 10 am Worship | 29 Bible Study @ 6 | 30 Quilting 1:30 | | | | |

Western Iowa Synodical Women's Organization Annual Convention

Go and Do likewise! Luke 10: 37b
Registration begins at 8:45 A.M, convention begins at 9:30 A.M.

June 20, 2026
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
1011 E 13th St., Atlantic Ia

Please Print:

Name _____ Address _____

City, State, ZipCode _____

Phone# _____ **Email Address** _____

Church & City _____ Cluster _____

Legacy Fund Contribution _____ Special Diet Needs _____

Please indicate for which you are registering:

Delegate (voting member) _____ Visitor _____

One delegate from each church is asked to attend the convention.
Registration deadline is June 12th, 2026.

Registration fees: Single person registration- \$35.00

Friendship Trio – 3 people for \$75.00

1st Time Attendees - \$10.00

Youth Ages 12-18– Attend as a guest for no fee.

All registrants will need to fill out the form; trio registration should be sent together in one envelope. Youth 12-18 will just need to send in the registration form. Reminder that each church is entitled to one delegate, delegates are needed to vote for new board members. The Legacy Fund will be used to offset expenses for 1st time attendees. Please be sure to include your email address. Please direct any questions to Sue Boblit at 712-260-2258 or sdboblit@gmail.com.

Send registration form with check payable to Western Iowa Synodical Women's Organization to: Sue Boblit, 104 E 1st St., Spencer Ia 51301 712-260-2258 or sdboblit@gmail.com

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