

Salem Lutheran Church



FOLLOWING JESUS,
SHARING COMPASSION,
COVERED BY GRACE



All Are Welcome Here!

May Happenings

The month of May seems to have become the time we cram everything we can get in before the arrival of summer, which we think of as a break, but which I've learned to call "a different kind of busy." May is a full month for Salem Lutheran as well. Something unique is happening almost every Sunday. I hope you'll come be part of it.

May 3 Blessing of Gardens and Gardeners— Our worship committee would like to encourage and celebrate gardeners and farmers. Worship that day will include a time to praise God for the fruitfulness of creation and to bless the tools of gardening or farming. Worshipers are invited to bring a hand tool, some seeds, or their gardening gloves for a blessing.

May 10 Baccalaureate Sunday for Wyatt Hitz— We have one graduating senior in our congregation this year. Join us as we present a quilt and throw a reception in Wyatt's honor after worship. We will bless God for Wyatt's talents and faithfulness to our congregation as he prepares for the next steps in life.

May 17 Jim McIntosh Guest Preacher—Pastor Jim will be attending the graduation of his son from the University of Iowa and Jim McIntosh will be preaching about the Ascension of Jesus Christ.

May 24 Pentecost Sunday— Wear something red to worship on the third major Christian festival after Christmas and Easter, that recalls how God's Holy Spirit gathers and empowers the church to share the gospel.

May 31 Holy Trinity Sunday— Okay, I'm not yet sure what we'll be doing to mark this Sunday which every year focuses on how God is a Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One and One in Three. It's actually quite important for knowing the gospel and fascinating, but hard to communicate. Come watch Pastor Jim try to make it make sense. And the color of the day is white, if you want to dress for the day.

God Bless,
Pastor Jim



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April 21st, 2026 Minutes

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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, Thom Guzman, Barb and Tim Kenyon, Chris Lane, Pastor Jim, and Linda Huffman,

Absent: Sheila Clausen and Sherri Nissen

Approve the Agenda: M/S/C by Sherri Boschee and Thom Guzman

Approve March Council Minutes: M/S/C by Pastor Jim and Barb Kenyon

Treasurer's Report: As presented, Barb Kenyon

Receive the Treasurers' report: M/S/C by Thom Guzman and Jewel Baseley

Approve Pastor's Expenses: M/S/C by Tim Kenyon and Sherri Boschee

Pastor's Report: see attached report

Old Business:

- a) FYI: Ordering supplies: Brenna will order items, Sherri N can get other items
- b) New Custodial contract: Is updated and signed with May 1 start date for Friday afternoons.
- c) Organ update – Tim: date to be determined with logbook beside the organ
- d) Sandi – follow up with AA: Just a reminder that they can use extra storage space in the basement with the understanding if we need the space, they will move their items back to the room.
- e) Air conditioning update: all work is complete and paid for



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New Business:

- a) May Benevolence: Camp Lutherwood – Oregon in Memorandum to Holy Cross as a “Thank you” for their kind gifts of bells and music. M/S/C by Thom Guzman and Linda Huffman.
- b) Question Raised by Daniel Clausen about what has been done in the past for graduating seniors. No action taken
- c) Linda Huffman’s family request the use the fellowship hall July 18 – M/S/C by Sherri Boschee and Thom Guzman
- d) Payment for tree cleanup and reseeding: Parker Tree Service \$2,214.90 McIlravey Lawn Service \$590.50. M/S/C by Daniel Clausen and Thom Guzman
- e) North sign repair – what to do: No direction given. Main sign “Denomination” emblem update possible
- f) TVs in the fellowship hall – Sandi M/S/C by Tim Kenyon and Sherri Boschee to authorize articulating wall mount as installed per property committee. M/S/C by Jewel Baseley and Thom Guzman to sell it on WELCA garage sale (auction item) for a bid of \$25

Committee Reports:

- i. Christian Education: Graduation Recognition planned for Wyatt Hitz May 10, 2026. Summer curriculum has been ordered from Augsburg
- ii. Church Property: The men’s restroom is complete, and work has begun on the women’s restroom. The tree cleanup is done and new grass seed planted. Repair work on the playground set is complete.
- iii. Outreach Ministry: April 19, we helped at the food pantry, and Meals of the Heartland April 22.
- iv. Worship & Music: Planning for Pentecost and May 3 will be a blessing of gardens and gardeners
- v. Finance: no meeting
- vi. Memorial Committee: a memorial is forthcoming from Donna Scheel’s family to be earmarked for kitchen items. WELCA and the Funeral committee have made a list of small items.
- vii. Stewardship: no meeting
- viii. Endowment: no meeting
- ix. Long Range Planning:
- x. Other:

The next executive meeting will be May 12 at 4:00, and the regular council meeting will be Tuesday, May 19 at 5:30 pm. Pastor will lead opening devotions.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted:

Tim Kenyon, Council Secretary Pro Tem

YEARBOOK

It is time to start getting the 2026 yearbook together. Committee Chairs please send your reports to the office by May 15th.

If there are any pictures from events over the past year please feel free to send those in as well!

We would also like to get updated emails, phone numbers, and addresses for all members. Please email the office with your information so we can make sure we have the right info



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, Meyer Mixdorf, Zach Henry, Arlan Biere, Gregory Boschee, Becky Keuter, Carol Ott, Jerry Nissen, Christine Moffitt, Josh Kendrick, Betty Wager, Gail Peterson, Phillip Eason, Roxanne & Jack Wilson, Jen Bush, and Diane Nielsen.

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.



The children ministered to C.A.R.E on May 3rd using funds from their Noisy Offering collection. They shopped, delivered, learned about the rescue, and shared treats and toys with cats and dogs. Salem's youngest disciples have big hearts for God's creatures.

Jordyn Sickels, Brooklyn Sickels,
Joseph Lochmoeller, Caleb
Lockmoeller, Micah Lochmoeller





Our group had a great time volunteering for Meals from the Heartland on April 22rd! May the Hearty Packs we helped create be a blessing to feed those who are hungry.



Sign up link on website



LAKESIDE DAY Camp

FOR K-5TH GRADERS

Join Us for a WEEK of Fun and Adventure!
A Guide to Loving Your Neighbor

SONGS

BIBLE STUDY

CRAFTS



JULY 6-9, 9AM-2PM

Salem Lutheran Church, 602 West Townline St. Creston, IA 50801



Register and invite a friend!





17th 2Samuel 16-18
 18th Psalm 26/40/58/
 61-62/64
 19th 2Samuel 19-21
 20th Psalm 5/38/41-42
 21st 2Samuel 22-23/Psalm 57
 22nd Psalm 95/97-99
 23rd 2Samuel 24/
 1Chronicles 21-22/
 Psalm 30
 24th Psalm 108-110
 25th 1Chronicles 23-25
 26th Psalm 131-138-139/
 143-145
 27th 1Chronicles 26-29/Psalm 127
 28th Psalm 111-118
 29th 1King 1-2/ Psalm 37/
 71/94
 30th Psalm 119:1-88
 31st 1King 3-4/
 2Chronicles 1/Psalm 72

1st 2Samuel 5:1-10/
 1Chronicles 11-12
 2nd Psalms 133
 3rd Psalm 106-107
 4th 2Samuel 5:11-6:23/
 1Chronicles 13-6
 5th Psalms 1-2/15/
 22-24/47/68
 6th Psalm 89/96/100-
 101/ 105/132
 7th 2Samuel 7/
 1Chronicles 17
 8th Psalm 25/29/33/36/39
 9th 2 Samuel 8-9/
 1Chronicles 18
 10th Psalm 50/53/60/75
 11th 2Samuel 10/ 1Chronicles
 19/Psalm 20
 12th Psalm 65-67/69-70
 13th 2Samuel 11-12/
 1Chronicles 20
 14th Psalm 32/51/86/122
 15th 2Samuel 13-15
 16th Psalm 3-4/12-13/28/55



Kate Guiter 5th
 Elizabeth Kenyon 7th
 Tim Kenyon 9th
 Betty Wager 15th
 Stephanie Cook 15th
 Judy Eklund 28th
 Sheila Clausen 29th
 Brenda Sedlmayr 30th
 Mark Sedlmayer 30th



Bill & Sara Bollinger 18th
 Arlan & Carolyn Biere 19th
 Jeremie & Heather Peterson 27th
 Mike & Lacey Richardson 27th
 Wayne & Deb Pantini 29th
 Dick & Sue Bergstrom 30th
 Lamona & Bryon Bilderback 30th

Miriam Circle

Miriam Circle will meet May 7th @ 6:30 pm at Salem.

It's time to start cleaning out those closets and cabinets!

Salem's Annual Fundraiser Sale will be held Saturdays June 27th from 8:00 am-2:00 pm. Along with the merchandise and Bake Sale, we will be serving cinnamon rolls, homemade pies, and sloppy joes.

All members are invited to donate Sale Items which may be brought in during the week of the sale. More details will be published next month. Your assistance in making our sale a success is greatly appreciated!

May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 10am Worship & Communion	4 Pastor Out of Office- AM Christian Ed Meeting @4 Bible Study @6	5 Quilting @1:30	6 Choir Practice @5:30	7 Pastor Out of Office- AM Bell Choir @6:15 Miriam Circle @6:30	8 	9
10 10am Worship 	11 Bible Study @6	12 Quilting @1:30 Exec. Meeting @4	13 Choir Practice @5:30	14 Bell Choir @6:15	15  Committee Reports due to Brenna	16
17 10am Worship & Communion	18 Bible Study @6	19 Quilting @1:30 Council Meeting @5:30	20 Choir Practice @5:30	21 Bell Choir @6:15	22 	23
24 10am Worship Pentecost Sunday	25 Bible Study @6 	26 Quilting @1:30	27 Choir Practice @5:30	28 Bell Choir @6:15	29 	30

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