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Salem Lutheran Church A Community of Believers, Praising and Serving God

Fall Worship Schedule

8:00 am & 10:30 am

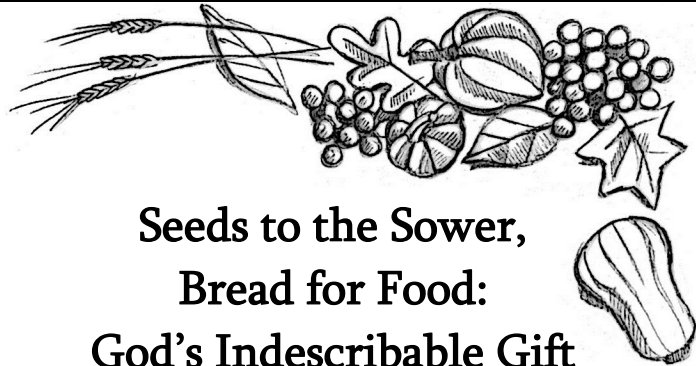
Oct 2 - ELW, Setting 1
Oct 9 - ELW, Setting 1
Oct 16 - ELW, Setting 1
Oct 23 - Centennial
Oct 30- Reformation Sunday
Nov 6- ELW, Setting 1, All Saints
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Christ the King Sunday
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First Sunday of Advent

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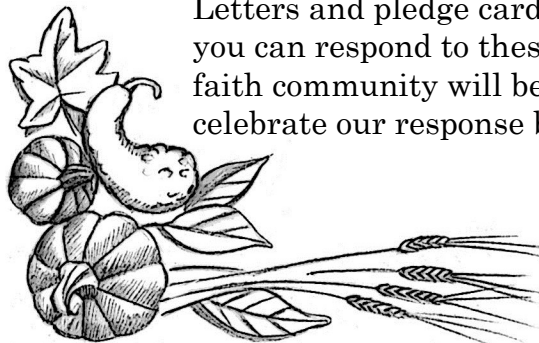


Seeds to the Sower, Bread for Food: God's Indescribable Gift

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! 2 Corinthians 9:10,15

Sundays October 2, 9, and 16 will be our Stewardship focus for this fall. The second readings for those Sundays will come from 2nd Corinthians, chapters 8 and 9, where Paul is writing about a collection he is taking up for the church in Jerusalem, and in particular for distribution to the poor. Reflecting on God's bounty through seeds and bread also seems appropriate in our Centennial year as it brings to mind our Salem heritage of the Russian German wheat farmers who founded our congregation. We will reflect on God's gifts to us through creation, through community, and through sharing with each other. It will also be a fitting topic for October 16th - Bread for the World Sunday. (This is not the Offering of Letters Sunday that we do each spring, but a Sunday which is a faith-ful reflection on World Food Day, which is October 16th.)

Letters and pledge cards and information about how you can respond to these reflections by your gifts to this faith community will be coming out shortly. We plan to celebrate our response by bringing our pledges on Reformation Sunday, October 30th.





Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.

Matthew 13:52

And so we have done, all year long, and will do, into the future.

The gift of an anniversary is the chance to root about in the old treasures and bring them out to laugh at, cry over, and carry in our hearts into the future. At the 100th anniversary of the chartering of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church we are all Germans from Russia, savoring tales of the cleverness of those who found ways to escape oppression, being inspired by the courage of those carved out sod homes and planted wheat in the fertile prairie soil, feeling humbled by stories of hardship and grief, steadfastness and faith.

And we are also scholars gathering to begin an agricultural college, found a veterinary school, and open the minds of generations of students. We are the students themselves, and the community leaders and workers who served one another, still surrounded by wheat fields – mayors and firefighters and teachers and shop owners, homemakers and office workers and musicians and preachers. And we are not only Germans from Russia, we are Swedish and Norwegian, Finnish and Danish, Indian, Namibian, Thai and Apache.

Because we are a community in Christ we are one family, ranging from the founding families – Friedemann and Bergstrasser, Rink and Klein, Bieberdorf and Trompler to you and yours; and from the recently baptized Asher Arps to the nameless gypsy child buried in Salem Cemetery. We have buried so many of our treasured saints, but we carry them with us and we hand their memory and their legacy to our children who bustle forward every third Sunday, carrying up the food for the hungry and making our special ‘stew.’ It’s an odd stew we make – beans and soup and tuna and peanut butter, but what a celebration of the variety of gifts we are given by God, and how we use them to bless the world.

The treasures of the kingdom of God are not meant to stay stored, but are to be *brought out*, the new and the old, to bless all who are in need of the gospel of grace. Please, come celebrate both new and old treasures with us on the 22nd and the 23rd of this month, and then let’s share them-- with joy and abandon-- with all the world.

Pastor Sally

Fifth Sunday Offering: Oaks Indian Mission

Salem's tradition on fifth Sundays is to take up a second offering for some need outside of our congregation. In October we will dedicate the offering to Oaks Indian Mission, which is also our Centennial service focus. In gratitude to God for our 100+ years of ministry at Salem and in recognition that Oaks Indian Mission has been in Oklahoma even longer, we want to partner with them to enrich the lives of Indian children in need of a stable home environment. Please plan to give generously. You may also mail in a contribution to our office. Make checks out to Salem and mark 'Fifth Sunday Offering' on the memo line.



Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church
July 5, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Ken Eastman and Pastor Sally opened with a devotion.

New Business:

*It was moved and seconded to approve the Cub Scout request to use the large Sunday school room upstairs and the kitchen, Monday nights, September –May.

*Options for repairing the west face storm damage were discussed and it was suggested that a small group be identified to spearhead the project to obtain quotes. It is hoped that the repairs could be addressed before the Centennial Celebration.

*It was moved and seconded that a gift of \$200 be provided for New Mission Startup Churches for Owasso, OK and a startup church in Arkansas.

*The Worship and Music committee has asked for consideration of a change in worship times from 8 and 10:30, to 8:30 and 10:45 with Sunday school going to a 50 minute length with a potential start date of January 8th. The congregation will receive information on this in the bulletin and the Seer.

Treasurer Report: Questions were addressed regarding budget line items. It was noted that July reflected stronger pledge receipts but we are still behind on pledge receipts.

Ken Eastman adjourned the meeting with the Lord's Prayer at 8:28

Susan Prater, Secretary



Community Notes-

Thrivent rep Darrell Osmus asked that we remind members with Thrivent “**Choice Dollars**” to choose whom to send them to. They are an easy way to contribute to your church or your favorite charity.

October is
Domestic Violence Awareness month

*Please attend the 4th annual **DVA Fashion Show**, on Thursday, October 6th at 6:30pm. This free event will be held at Meditations, refreshments will be served and there will be a jazz band.

*“**Walk The Course**” against Domestic Violence will be held at Boomer Lake on Thursday, October 27th. Meet at the pier at 6:00pm to walk or come to the candlelight vigil at 7:30pm.

*Questions? Contact Marie at 405 377 2344 or marie.abraham@sdvs.org.

Thank you to all who donated cleaning supplies in September!



Just two days after our Centennial Celebration we will remember a former Salem member at the second annual **Neil Luebke Memorial Lecture**. It will be presented on Tuesday, October 25, at 7 pm, in the Sheerar Center auditorium located at 7th and Duncan.

A leading medical gerontologist from Oklahoma City, Dr. Tomas Owens, Jr., will be the featured speaker at this Osher Lifelong Learning Institute sponsored event. He will address “Wellness and Illness in the Older Adult.”

The Luebke family invites all members of the Salem community to attend this lecture and the reception following. The family looks forward to seeing you there.

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday—Thursday 9 am -11:30 & 12:30 -3 pm
Friday- 9am -noon

“A community of believers, praising and serving God”



Youth Group

**GAME DAY PARKING
Saturday,
October 8 & 29**

Youth and families should work at least 2 games if planning to go to the National Youth Assembly next summer. Please be here 3 hours before game time.

REGISTRATION for National Youth Assembly is Sunday, October 9 at 1pm

No Confirmation Wednesday, October 19

The SLY Committee would like to **welcome Ms. Hanna Wallace as the new Youth Director.** Hanna is a junior at OSU majoring in marketing with a minor in Spanish. Hanna has worked with youth in the past on mission trips and in church settings. We are excited to have Hanna with us and look forward to a good year with her and our youth.



Thank you to those who helped with the clean up day on September 10: Hom Acharya, Bruce Ackerson, Ken Eastman, Kevin Gerfen, Joanna Gipson, Helen Gragert, Tom Hennessey, Dorothy Johnson, Gordon Johnson, David Kershaw, Mike Kershaw, Dave Lewis, Judy Lewis, Keith Schmidt, and Shelley Schmidt

Many items were marked off the "To Do" list. As the old saying goes: "Many hands make light work". Much of the work was not so light but it was accomplished with those many hands. The steel from the west wall of the church was donated to Habitat Restore, the small building has a new home as well as the railroad ties. Thank you.

“Faith, like light, should always be simple and unbending; while love, like warmth, should beam forth on every side and bend to every necessity of our brethren.”
—Martin Luther

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“You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.”
John 8:32 and the
Epigram on the CIA Building
in Washington D.C.

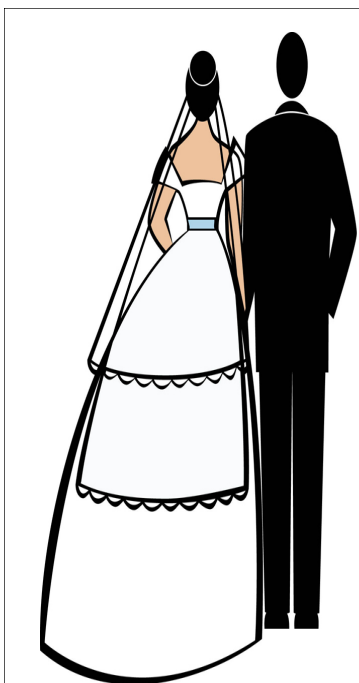
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“I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare. In other words, if our expenditure on comforts, luxuries, amusements, etc. is up to the standard common among those with the same income as our own, we are probably giving too little.

“If our charities do not at all pinch or hamper us, I should say they are too small. There ought to be things we should like to do and cannot do because our charitable expenditures exclude them.”
—C.S. Lewis



Join an evening of
singing, fellowship,
food & fun at
Morrison Christian
Church
(2nd & A)
on Sunday, October 2
at 7:00 pm.



Wedding

*Alea Katherine Sharp
and
Bradley Joel Hubbard*

*together with their parents
David & Laura Sharp
and
Scott & Michelle Hubbard*

*request the pleasure of your
company at their marriage*

*Saturday, October 15 at
5 in the evening*

*First Christian Church
411 West Matthews Ave*

*Reception follows at
Stillwater Community Center
315 West Eighth Ave*

RSVP The Hubbards



Third Sunday Food Offering

Please donate food at our
services on the Third
Sunday, October 16.

Food will go to the Action -
COCAA food pantry.

Food requested is rice,
dry beans, canned meat,
peanut butter and jelly.
Bags of potatoes, oranges,
and apples are also
appreciated.

Delegate For Synod Assembly

If you are interested in
representing our congregation as
a delegate to the Synod
Assembly, please speak to
President Ken Eastman
or Pastor Sally.

The next Assembly, will be in Tul-
sa, April 13-15, 2012

We always have one male and
one female delegate.
Each serves a two year term.
Cindy Pennie will continue to
serve for the second half
of her term.
This year we will be electing a
new male delegate.

**We appreciate
Everett Johnson's service for
the last two years!**

NEWS & Notes

The New, No Parking Sign, in the back lot does not apply to members on Sundays, for funerals, or for game day parking. Bill posted it to keep college students, who use our lot during the week, from parking there. If anyone is parked too close to the dumpster, the city workers won't empty it.

We have **printer ink cartridges** left from old printers that are being retired. We have used HP 940's black and color cartridges and HP 27's— black, new, still in plastic (but not returnable). Also, the Sew-ers have **scrap batting** to give away. If you can use any of these, please contact Lisa at the church office.

Book Club Schedule

Oct 24 – Madame Bovary (Gustave Flaubert) at Joanna Gipson's home (Date changed due to Halloween.)

Nov. 28 – Money Secrets of the Amish (Lorilee Craker) at Priscilla Gerfen's home

Prayers of the People: Each Sunday going through next July, as we begin our prayers, we will pray specifically for one of our sister ELCA congregations in AR and OK. Salem's week is in February!

Centennial Anniversary

It's almost birthday time!! As you read this there are about 20 days till we celebrate our 100 years of ministry. What a year this has been as we have looked at pictures, heard actual stories and relived many events. We have a wonderful history and it has been a great opportunity to learn about our beginnings and see how we have grown.

Our best treasure though is Adelia Hanson, who has done so much of the organizing and research, so to you Adelia, a big "Thank you".

If you have not sent in your RSVP for the dinner, please do so before October 14th. If you need an invitation for yourself or someone else, they are available on the tables at the West doors of the church. We also need to know if you will be having your child(ren) stay in the nursery at Salem. We plan to have cheese pizza and juice or you can send a sack dinner.

October 22 and 23 will be busy days.

Saturday, October 22 – 11:00 a.m. – Noon Tour of the Cemetery (weather permitting)
Noon – 3:00 p.m. Open House at Church
5:30 p.m. Reception, dinner and program at First Presbyterian Church.

Sunday, October 23 - 8:00 7 10:30 a.m. Bishop Girlinghouse will be here for our Festival Worship
9:00 & 11:30 a.m. Coffee hour and Birthday Cake
9:15 a.m. Adult Discussion Class with Bishop Girlinghouse

We also need help (**no meetings required**) to make it all happen. Please let us know what you can do:

Saturday, 11:00 – 3:00: Need cookies plus greeters at the church during the Open House
3:00 p.m.: Decorating at First Presbyterian Church – see Teri Sahs, Judy Lewis
5:00 p.m. : Set-up and serve punch for Reception at First Presbyterian: –
see Dorothy Johnson
:Greeters/nametags at door: - see Stacie Hearp
:Salem Nursery-Make nametags, order pizza – see Judy Lewis

Sunday Coffee Hours: set-up, serve and clean-up

9:00 a.m.: see Laurie Eastman
11:30 a.m.:

We'll have a wonderful time as celebrate together Salem's 100 years doing what we do best – fellowship and faith! Judy Lewis



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