

From your pastor...

PEARLS AND PRIORITIES



Do you feel that you're spending your time on what is most important to you?

This is a short Mississippi River story: In summer men go clamming in 5 to 10 feet of water. The clam shells are sold to the Japanese and used in their microchip manufacturing process. Occasionally a Mississippi clam has a pearl inside. One summer a man found a pearl valued at \$60,000-\$80,000!

It's a true story, appealing too. We all dream of finding treasure. But does that mean we would quit our jobs or schools and devote full-time attention to the search? Would it be that the important to us? Probably not, because it's not a sure thing, far from it in fact. A \$60,000-\$80,000 pearl inside a Mississippi clam is very rare.

Isn't it wonderful that God has placed into our hands the priceless Pearl? The Good News that Jesus did it all to save us is rare and precious.

Do we regard it as a treasure? Is it extremely important to us?
Do Jesus and his forgiveness capture our hearts?

“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”
(**Matthew 6:21**) Jesus is talking priorities here. The basic premise is that whatever is important to us (our treasure) will receive our time, attention and devotion (our heart) If our treasure is at the bottom of the muddy Mississippi, that’s where our heart will be. If our treasure is seated at God’s right hand in heaven, that’s where our heart will be.

The one seated at God’s right hand had left heaven’s glory for us. He gave all his time, attention and devotion to searching for us and rescuing us for heaven. We are his priority, his pearl. His heart is ever with us.

In setting our priorities it helps to remember this. No one loves us more than Jesus. No one has done more for us than Jesus. He is the best pearl, our top priority!

- Pastor Bare

From our Church Council:

Mrs. Daisy Blaha has turned in her resignation, effective August 27th. We thank her for her 13 years as Salem’s school secretary. Applications for this part-time position are available in the church office.

School registration will be August 17th from 1-6pm.

During the shut-down and summer break, many projects around the church and school have been completed. We are

currently getting bids on window repair and blind installation at school.

Our church services will return to Thursdays at 7pm and Sundays at 8 & 10:30am the first week of August. We will no longer offer the Thursday 5pm or Sunday 2:00pm services.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Kobe

Offerings at Salem by week:			
May 24	\$ 7,416.41	May 31	\$ 9,870.51
June 7	\$12,415.00	June 14	\$ 9,007.00
June 21	\$12,925.12	June 28	\$ 9,173.00
July 5	\$13,415.76	July 12	\$13,794.12
July 19	\$ 8,292.18		
2020 Budget shortfall as of 7/19:			-\$36,198.18
2020 Budgeted expenses as of 6/30			\$327,263.44
2020 Actual Expenses as of 6/30			\$299,509.69
Difference			-\$27,753.75
Owed to internal line of credit:			\$0

Volunteers Needed:

Our Radio Room is looking for a few more volunteers to help at both the 8am and 10:30am services. There will be training given to those who would like to help. Volunteers work a full month about 4 times a year. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

Serving in August

Altar Helpers

Jeaneen Jacobs

Linda Wycliffe

Joyce Collard

Neva Maier (TH only)

Radio Room

Early

Joni Lahmann

Late

Scott Lahmann

Ushers

Early

Gary Svarc

Ken Spalding

Late

Allyn Schultz

Russel Mallery

Opening/ Closing

8/2 E. Perry

8/9 E Perry

8/16 D Doederlein

8/23 E Perry

8/30 E Perry

R. Jensen

K De Peal

K Lahmann

R Jensen

K DePeal

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:00 am Communion 10:30 am Communion	3 10:00 am Monday Funday	4	5	6 7pm Worship	7	8
9 8:00 am Worship 10:30 am Worship	10 10:00 am Monday Funday 7:00pm Elders	11	12	13 7pm Communion	14	15
16 8:00 am Communion 10:30 am Communion	17 10:00am Monday Funday 1:00 pm School Registration 1-6pm	18 6:00 pm BCE 6:15 pm Church Properties 7:00 pm Church Council	19	20 7pm Worship	21	22
23 8:00 am Worship 10:30 am Worship	24	25	26	27 First Day of School 7pm Communion	28	29
30 8:00am Communion 10:30am Communion	31					