

From your pastor...

Ephesians 1:9-12

He made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment - to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.

I've had a lot of things in my life go against my plans. Most of the time it's felt like "no big deal" but at times it's felt almost devastating. I'm not the only one. Every single person has had the experience of making plans that didn't work out. We make plans for a reason. Maybe they're simple plans, like just to be better organized or to maximize our productivity. Maybe they're more complicated long term plans for a family or major purchase. Either way, it's upsetting when plans don't work out the way we expect.

The good news is we are part of a plan that won't go wrong. It's God's plan. His plan is why we have the faith we do, and his plan can't fail! This is a huge comfort for people like us who live in a world of uncertainty. Everything works out according to his will, and God's will will be done, just as we pray in the Lord's Prayer.

So we can continue to make our plans. But we'll do it without fear. God's plan, the plan that saved us is over and above all. It's the one we put our hope in more than the greatest plans we can come up with for ourselves, because we know where God's plan ends for believers: heaven! We can count on God

to keep his promises and work everything out according to this plan.

-Pastor Wilde

Private Communion

We recognize that not everyone is comfortable returning to church yet out of health concerns. We are happy that our members are able to participate in worship via the radio or YouTube, even if it doesn't quite match up to the fellowship of being together in person. We also want to make sure that members are not only fed the gospel in God's Word through online worship and devotions, but in the sacrament of Holy Communion as well. If you have been away from church for some time and haven't been able to receive communion, please call the church office to schedule a time for a private communion devotion either at church or at your home.

Radio (& Technology) Room

We are continuing to look for new Radio Room volunteers to fill the schedule, especially for Thursday nights. Each service has a different procedure. Thursday night volunteers help by playing the music for the hymns, 8:00am volunteers record the service for the radio, and 10:30am volunteers manage the livestream. It isn't particularly difficult once you have been trained, and it doesn't require extensive technology know-how either. Please consider volunteering to help or at least be trained as a backup for this important duty in our congregation, and contact the church office if you would like to shadow for a service or two to see how it's done!

Church Logo

Salem's online presence has expanded significantly since COVID, with online devotions, livestream services, and more. It will be beneficial for us to have a logo that can be used in our online presence and also in our community. To help the artist gain a little knowledge about our congregation for

inspiration as she works, please take the survey included in this newsletter and return it to the church office.

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From our Church Council:

Financial Report as of August 31		
	August	Year to Date
Total Receipts	\$59,793.39	\$397,958.30
Total Expenses	\$43,714.08	\$397,263.60
Difference	\$16,079.31	\$694.70
Owed to internal line of credit:		\$0

Michigan Lutheran Seminary Concert Choir will perform for us on October 25th via video. A door offering will be taken.

If approved by the Voters' in October, new window blinds will be installed at the school.

The metal grates at the church have been painted. Thank you to the couple who donated their time and the paint.

Grace Lutheran Church in Durand is closing. Their final service will be November 1st at 3pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Kobe

WELCOME!
to our Confirmands



On September 13th these four youth were confirmed during the 10:30am service.

Audrey Doyle, Danika Hoenshell, Joshua Kneesel, Sarah Kneesel

**School Sports have started!
We are in cross country and soccer mode.**





Adult Bible Class

Adult Bible Class will be held **AT SCHOOL** between Sunday worship services, at the usual time of 9:30-10:15am. Tuesday morning Bible class will be held

AT CHURCH in the sanctuary. We just began a study on "Politics Is Driving Me Crazy".



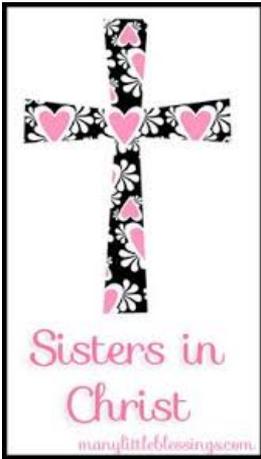
ONLINE BIBLE STUDY

Mondays at 6:30PM, starting October 5 (Register by September 28)

Dig in even deeper! Join your Salem family in reading and discussing the book Civil Government: God's Other Kingdom by Professor Daniel Deutschlander. The relationship between church and state in America can be contentious, often regarded by

Christians as a confusing mess that is best ignored. Yet both earthly government and the heavenly church body are God's blessings to us—both were established to carry out his will here on earth. The book uses Scripture to guide and motivate our attitudes and actions as we wrestle with our roles as citizens of Christ's church and here on earth. First looking at government during biblical times and then tracing church-state relations since then, this book concludes by addressing the current state of affairs. You'll be left with a better understanding of citizenship in your community here and in God's family.

The church has ordered books and study guides. Please contact the church office to reserve a book. We are offering these at a reduced cost of \$10.



Sisters Serving Christ will have a meeting on October 13 at 7pm in the fellowship area of the church basement. The offices of Vice- President and Treasurer are up for election. Nominations and elections will be held that night. If you would like to run for one of these offices, please let Ann Norder know.

The LWMS Fall rally will be a virtual rally. Salem will be the host on October 4 at 2pm. A YouTube link will be available for everyone to watch the rally

live or at a later time.

At the September meeting, it was decided to not print new booklets for 2021.

Here are the Altar Helpers for October 2020- March 2021. If there is a month you would like to help, please reach out to someone already signed up for that month.

October

Pat Bare, Jeaneen Jacobs, Neva Maier (TH only)

November

Pat Bare, Barb Manausa, Carol Hanchett

December

Michelle Svarc, Pam Strauch

January

Ann Norder, Tiffany Doyle

February

Libby Van Epps, Christine Mueller, Marilyn Thornburg

March

Marcia Hamill, Pam Strauch

Hymns for Life: preserving a priceless spiritual treasure

2020/09/15/in Together

For many Christians, hymns are woven into the fabric of our faith lives. “Jesus Loves Me” may be the first song we learn as a toddler; “Amazing Grace” may be the last song that passes our lips before Jesus carries us home. Hymns have the power to convict and comfort, to instruct and inspire. And for many, a beloved hymn may be a memory that lingers when others are stolen by age or disease.

In 2012, the WELS Commission on Worship discussed the importance of preserving our rich hymn heritage—ensuring that the next generation of believers doesn’t lose this priceless spiritual treasure. In response, the Hymns for Life Committee was established to craft a three-year hymnology curriculum for WELS teachers to use in their primary, middle, and upper grade classrooms. Content from the curriculum can also be incorporated into Sunday school programs.

“The Hymns for Life curriculum is designed to impress the biblical truths expressed in hymns on the hearts and minds of young believers,” says Mr. Jeremy Bakken, publishing editor of the project. The title of the curriculum sums it up simply: hymns learned in childhood will stay with children for an entire lifetime. Bakken continues, “Our prayer is that students will appreciate these hymns and recall their spiritual truths in every stage of life.”

The curriculum helps students learn from and appreciate all components of a hymn: from its scriptural truths to the poetry of its language to the joy and beauty of its music.

To learn more or purchase Year A of the Hymns for Life curriculum, visit online.nph.net/hymnsforlife or call 800-662-6022. All three years of the curriculum have been developed to coincide seamlessly with the new *[Christian Worship](#)*, which will be released in 2021.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00 pm Communion Service	2	3
4 8:00 am Communion 9:30am Bible Class SCHOOL 10:30 am Communion 1:30pm Public Conf Class 2:00 pm LWMS Virtual Rally	5 6:30pm Online Bible Class	6 10:30 am Bible Class in church	7 6:00 pm Handbells 7:00pm Bible Information Class	8 No School 7:00 pm Worship Service	9 No School	10
11 8:00 am Worship 9:30am Bible Class SCHOOL 10:30 am Worship 1:30pm Public Conf Class	12 6:00pm Salary & Housing 7:00 pm Elders' Meeting	13 10:30 am Bible Class in church 6:30 pm Budget Meeting 7:00pm Sisters Serving Christ	14 6:00 pm Handbells 7:00pm Bible Information Class	15 7:00 pm Communion Service	16	17
18 8:00 am Communion 9:30am Bible Class SCHOOL 10:30 am Communion 1:30pm Public Conf Class	19 6:30 pm Online Bible Class	20 10:30 am Bible Class in church 5:30 pm BCE 6:15 pm Church Properties 7:00 pm Church Council	21 6:00 pm Handbells 7:00pm Bible Information Class	22 7:00 pm Worship Service	23	24
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Serving in October

Altar Helpers

Pat Bare

Jeaneen Jacobs

Neva Maier (TH only)

Radio Room

Early

Brenda Donahue

Late

Jerry Ciarlino

Ushers

Early

Wayne Janetzke

Dan Schlaack

Barb Schlaack

Late

Brian Jacobs

Tom Fuller

Michael Forrester

Opening/ Closing

1 D. Doederlein

4 E. Perry R. Jensen

8 E. Perry

11 E. Perry K. DePeal

15 P. Strauch

18 D. Doederlein K. Lahmann

22 K. Lahmann

25 E. Perry R. Jensen

29 D. Doederlein