

From your pastor...

Are you coming? Are you coming to Salem's Dinner & a Movie night on Sunday, October 21? We will be showing the Synod's newest movie: "To the Ends of the Earth" after a delicious and nutritious pot-luck feast. It will be a festive evening of fellowship and friendship as we rally as the ambassadors of our ascended Savior and King. It will be a time of reflection as we pause to ponder the message of salvation personally and globally.

Ours and our Synod's mission and ministry is to spread the news of Jesus' death and resurrection "to the ends of the earth" and in our own backyard. A love for the lost compels us. Excitement and enthusiasm for Gospel outreach energize us. Or have we grown complacent and unconcerned? Are we tired and timid? Are we content in sending missionaries to distant lands while we hole up in our homes and make no effort to share Jesus with those living all around us? I know I'm guilty of being cold and sluggish and unconcerned at times. I know I'm looking forward to October 21, our Dinner and a Movie night, a time to be together, a time to rally as we rely on Jesus for forgiveness and strength. Won't you join me?

~ Pastor Bare



"To the Ends of the Earth"

**Dinner & a Movie Night
October 21 at church**

Potluck meal at 5:30pm with the movie starting at 6:30pm.

Bring a passing dish. Table service and beverages will be provided.

Church Council News:
Our financial report – as of August 2018

	Month	Year to Date
Budget Requirements	\$48,793.42	\$390,347.36
Offerings	\$42,358.14	\$349,127.38
Tuition/FEF/ Reg	\$16,265.25	\$ 23,790.17
Other	\$ 2.39	\$ 1,101.77
Total Receipts	\$58,625.78	\$374,019.32
Actual Expenses	\$46,237.36	\$362,722.32
Difference	\$12,388.42	\$ 11,297.00

Owed to Internal Line of Credit: \$37,000

The council voted to receive Arnold Kunde as a transfer from Grace Lutheran Church in Durand.

Sign up to meet Pastor Wilde. Pastor is trying to meet as many members as he can. The meeting place is up to you. He can meet at church, come to your house, or a local restaurant. There is a sign up sheet on the information table in the back of church or you can sign up through this link which can also be found on our church’s facebook page.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4aa8af22aaf49-meet>



Fall Festival is at school on October 20th beginning at 10am. Everyone is invited!



Salem's Indoor Bazaar sponsored by PTO

When: Saturday, November 10, 2018 9am-4pm

The sale will be held in the school gym. We are selling spots for \$10.00. Each spot will include an eight foot table and two chairs. A second spot can be purchased for another \$5.00.

This is a great opportunity to get rid of those old treasures that are not being used or to just sell your goods to raise a little money. You might want to sell crafts or just to clean out those closets, basements and even your garages!

We are looking for volunteers to help put this on:

Openers

Closers

Someone to collect money at the door

Someone to man the silent auction

Setting up tables and chairs the afternoon before

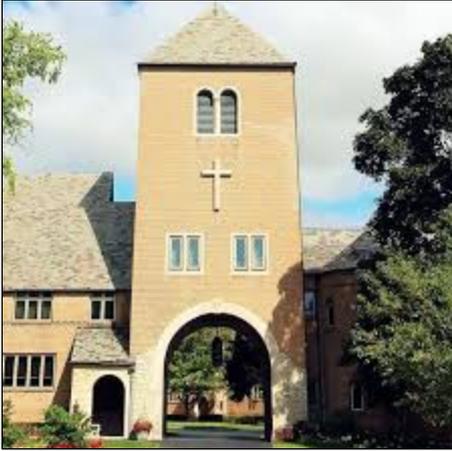
Taking tables and chairs down after the sale

If you or anyone you know is interested in renting a spot or you are able to help with this event, please contact:

Melissa Strauch
(810) 397-1005 call/text
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Stephanie Lahmann
(989) 494-7929 call/text
thesslahmann@gmail.com

Thank you

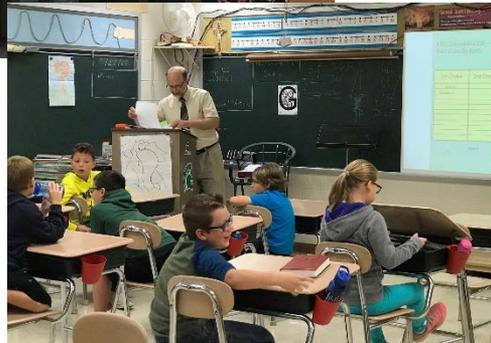


WLS Pastors' Symposium

Pastors Bare and Wilde both attended the symposium on September 17 & 18 held on the WLS campus in Mequon. The theme of their study was "The Pastor as Shepherd-Leader."



On September 9th we thanked Mr. Milbrath for his 40 years in the teaching ministry at Salem. Here is Mr. Milbrath with this years' 3rd & 4th grade students as they begin another year of growing in God's Word.





Pastor Wilde came up with this innovative way of adding screens to the front of the church without removing our beautiful hymn boards. As the picture shows, the hymn boards would be cut and a framed screen inserted.

The screens would be used to show the monthly WELS Connection, to display hymns and liturgy during services, to incorporate an occasional visual aid in sermons, and to make announcements.

Our Church Council established a committee (Richard Lahmann, Tim Strauch and Pastor Wilde) to explore the best way to advance this idea and what that would cost. Stay tuned for more details.



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Are you a member of Thrivent? If so, does your policy qualify you for “Choice Dollars”? Certain policies give members the option of donating “Choice Dollars” to non-profit organizations. Salem Church and School are both listed as places you can give your donations to. To date, \$787 choice dollars have been given to church and \$139 to school. Please consider this as another way of helping support our church and school. We are grateful for these extra funds!



On Thursday night, October 4, Branches Band will be here for the 7pm service. Pastor Wilde will still be preaching, but they will add to the service with their musical talents.

Branches Band exists to serve Christ through our music. Members of the band Andy Braun (guitar, vocals, and harmonica) and Rachel Braun (vocals, small percussion, and piano) travel all over the country with this ministry playing hymns and original songs based on scripture to edify worship services. A door offering will be taken that night.

Christian Aid and Relief Florence update

2018/09/18/in Together

WELS Christian Aid and Relief has been monitoring damage to WELS churches, members, and communities in the Southeastern United States following Hurricane Florence. So far, only Ascension in Jacksonville, N.C., has reported significant damage. The congregation's rented worship facility lost shingles in the wind, allowing torrents of rain to destroy the ceiling and fill the worship space. Christian Aid and Relief is still awaiting reports regarding how other area WELS members and communities fared.

Rev. Bob Hein, chairman of Christian Aid and Relief, reported that Christian Aid and Relief approved a \$10,000 gift to Direct Relief, a secular relief organization that is providing immediate relief to people affected by Hurricane Florence. Hein reports, "We are also assessing ways to personalize our relief efforts by working through our churches in the affected areas."

To learn more about or support WELS Christian Aid and Relief, visit wels.net/relief.

Great news for Home Missions 2018/09/18/in Together

The WELS Board for Home Missions is celebrating a number of milestones this September. During its fall meeting, the board approved funding for three new missions starts.

“The significance of Home Missions authorizing three new missions is that we now have three more dedicated locations where first and foremost the gospel of Jesus Christ will be proclaimed,” says Rev. Keith Free, administrator of the Board for Home Missions. “The mission pastor and mission members will have as their first objective to reach more people with the message that makes all the difference now and in eternity—Christ crucified for the sins of all.”

New congregations are being supported in:

Bluffton, S.C., which has developed through the efforts of Risen Savior, Pooler, Ga. The new mission in Bluffton is likely to be part of a multi-site ministry effort with Risen Savior. This effort is spearheaded by Eric Janke, a 2018 graduate of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wis., who deferred an assignment due to his wife’s three-year residency to become a doctor. Janke has worked with Risen Savior’s pastor and members to develop a strong ministry plan for this new mission site.

Mansfield, Ohio, where a Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregation is closing and contacted WELS to see if our synod might be interested in opening a mission in this area. The new mission will be buying the land and building of the former LCMS church. Some of the church’s members are planning to join the new WELS mission and are working with WELS members in the area to launch this new WELS congregation.

Richland Center, Wis., which is part of a multi-site effort being supported by St. John, Hillpoint, and Trinity, Lime Ridge, both in Wisconsin. St. John and Trinity currently share one pastor, who has been exploring the viability of a mission in Richland Center. The area seems well suited for a WELS mission start, and members of St. John and Trinity are excited to support this effort.

These new starts are being supported by a \$1 million special grant from the WELS Church Extension Fund, Inc. (CEF). CEF helps

provide financing so mission congregations and established congregations with mission-focused initiatives can purchase land and either build or renovate a worship facility. CEF funds its loan program through individual WELS members' and congregations' investments in CEF financial products. CEF's grant program is funded primarily through operating earnings of the CEF portfolio of loans and investments.

“CEF’s financials are strong,” says Mr. Scott Page, executive director of CEF, “allowing the board to approve this special grant while continuing to provide a sound investment vehicle for WELS members and congregations.”

As Free notes, “Over and above its loan and grant program, since August 2015 CEF has given more than \$4.3 million to Home Missions’ operations budget. This has helped fund many of our new mission congregations and helped enhance outreach throughout the United States, Canada, and the English-speaking Caribbean.”

Free is also excited to announce that many mission congregations launched their first public worship services in September, a milestone for these young churches. Launch services were held by Living Hope, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Intown Lutheran, Atlanta, Ga.; Good News, Lehi, Utah; Huntersville Lutheran, Huntersville, N.C.; and Grace in the Ward, Milwaukee, Wis.

Rev. Doug Van Sice, pastor at Huntersville, says, “As I sat in my office the day before the launch, I prayed that God would bless our launch regardless of who or how many showed up. At the end of the day, numbers are not what is most important. What is most important is that the changeless message of the gospel is preached in its truth and purity and that God’s people are edified by that very truth. Not only did God bless our worship with his Word, but he blessed it with people. He brought 62 people through Huntersville Lutheran’s doors. It was incredible! More than I could have asked for or imagined.”