



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Scripture repeatedly talks about believers being a family.

- “Let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers” (Galatians 6:10).
- “Love the family of believers” (1 Peter 2:17).
- “Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family” (Hebrews 2:11).

The Holy Spirit is not sloppy with his words. If he repeatedly says that we are all brothers and sisters, it is because he wants us to think of one another and treat one another as kin.

Why? God knows that to face life in this broken world, we need Christian community. We need that support, guidance, and encouragement. We should view church not just as a place where we go to praise Christ and listen to his Word. It is *home*. It is a safe place we gather with our spiritual family. It is a small taste of what life will be like when we get to our real home in heaven.

On Sunday, October 27TH, we celebrate *Welcome Home Sunday*. Our hope is to have our entire church family—100% of our members—come together on that day. Yes, that presents some logistical challenges. Parking and seating will be tighter than usual. We might be a little crowded in the entryways. These are good challenges for us to face! *Welcome Home Sunday* will

be extremely exciting! It will be wonderful to worship in a packed house. It will provide opportunities for members of our Christian family to reconnect with one another. And it will give our brother, Jesus, the chance to knit us together into the community he wants us to be.

So, can you please set that day aside? Don't plan any trips that weekend, if possible. If you have something going on that day, can it start after worship? And spread the word! Again, we want to have 100% of our members present on that day.

Welcome Home Sunday will be accompanied with a sermon series through October and November in which we will examine what it means to us that God's church is our home. We will spend our Bible class time in October discussing common reasons members drift away from church and how we might address these reasons. It promises to be productive and edifying time spent in God's Word!

What would it be like if every single member showed up one week, and we all worshiped Jesus as one big family in his home? Let's find out! Set aside that weekend and join us here at Salem!

Welcome Home will follow our normal weekend worship schedule: Thursday 7PM, or Sunday 8 or 10:30AM.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Wilde

Church Council News:

Our financial report – as of September 15, 2019

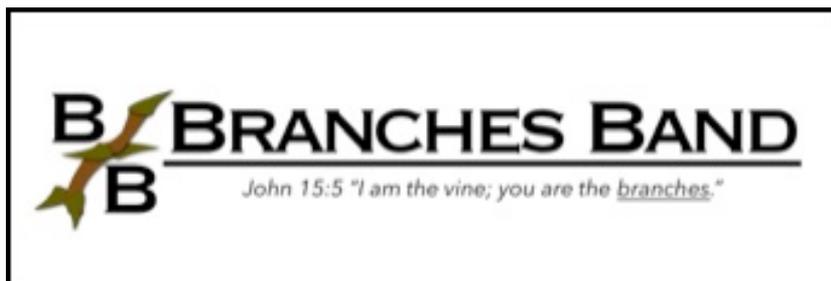
	Sept 15	Year to Date
Budget Requirements	\$11,496.25	\$425,361.25
Offerings	\$14,630.00	\$378,150.14
Tuition/FEF/ Reg	-\$ 353.50	\$ 46,204.79
Other	\$3,453.00	\$ 5,174.23
Total Receipts	17,729.50	\$429,529.16
Difference	\$ 6,233.25	\$ 4,138.21

Owed to Internal Line of Credit: \$0

Salem also received \$35,963 from the estate of Mitch and Marilyn McLosky. This special gift allowed us to pay back in full the money owed to the internal life of credit. The Church Council designated the remainder of the money (\$21,000) for the internal line of credit, increasing our cash reserves to \$71,000. God is good!

Pastor Paul Mueller is coming on October 6th to be our guest preacher and Pastor Karl Vertz will be coming on October 13th.

Our Ladies will be hosting a pie sale for missions after both services on October 6th. All monies received will be given to our local LWMS treasurer for ongoing mission work.



Branches Band will be performing a concert for our Thursday night service on October 10th. They will also be playing during our regular church service on Sunday, October 13th.

A New Bible Information Class will begin on October 7 at 6:30pm. This is the class to attend for anyone who wishes to become a member of Salem, and it is also a nice refresher for current members who wish to become more familiar with the teachings of the Bible.

Zion, Chesaning Vacancy Call

Pastor Bare was called to serve Zion on a temporary basis beginning October 1 until they receive a new pastor of their own. He and Pastor Wilde will alternate preaching and Bible class duties at Zion. Pastor Bare will also teach their confirmation classes, visit sick and shut-ins, attend meetings, etc. while at the same time working to cover his responsibilities at Salem. Please remember Zion, Salem and your pastors as they take on this added work of love.

Our Anniversary Sunday Special Service on September 8th



Pastor Jonathan Balge preached.



Handbells,
Choir,
Trumpets,
Violin,
Guitar,
Timpani
all accompanied
the service.



We had a great
turn out of
members and
visitors for both
the service and
the meal.



WELCOME HOME: A 6 week Sermon Series

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| Oct 17 & 20 | To the wandering and the wayward |
| Oct 24 & 27 | To the loving warmth of family |
| Oct 31/Nov 3 | To the amazing freedom of forgiveness |
| Nov 7 & 10 | To the comforting security of salvation |
| Nov 14 & 17 | To the everlasting family of saints |
| Nov 21 & 24 | To the glorious kingdom of Christ |