

From your pastor...



How do you spend your time? Tracking time expenditures is much like tracking financial expenditures, only more difficult and more detailed. With a financial budget it is easier to collect and analyze the data. What are your normal bills each month? Where else are you spending money? (like your favorite coffee place or fast food restaurant) But

unless we do a time log each day and carefully detail how we spend every minute, we may not realize how much time we spend watching NETFLIX or shopping or texting or playing video games or napping or whatever.

Such activities and their countless cousins can keep us from accomplishing richer and more rewarding goals in life. I believe that, but still I watch NETFLIX and enjoy my naps. I wonder though that if over the years I had converted some TV time into practicing the piano, for example, how well I could play the piano by now. Or if I shifted even a fraction of my internet search time to additional Bible search time, how much better versed in the Scriptures would I be? Pleasant activities and diversions are not necessarily a wrongful waste of time. But they do consume precious time and can keep us from pursuing more spiritually, emotionally and physically wholesome pursuits.

It is always good to look at Jesus! Our Savior conducted His life with a sense of urgency and focus, always spending his time wisely and well. “As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.” (John 9:4) We are redeemed because Jesus finished the work of saving sinners. For that compelling reason, we are very careful how we live not as

unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity.
(Ephesians 5:15)

(last in series on “Our Use of God’s Gift of Time”)

~ Pastor Bare

**Church Council News:
Our financial report – as of July 2018**

	Month	Year to Date
Budget Requirements	\$48,793.42	\$341,553.94
Offerings	\$46,827.20	\$310,549.24
Tuition/FEF/ Reg	0	\$ 7,524.92
Other	\$ 98.32	\$ 1,099.38
Total Receipts	\$46,925.52	\$319,173.54
Actual Expenses	\$53,248.29	\$320,043.25
Difference	\$ -6,322.77	\$ -869.71

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

Sign up to meet Pastor Wilde. Pastor is trying to meet as many members as he can. He has dates and times throughout September available. 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 Start up:

Tuesday Bible Class – Sept 4 at 10:30am

Handbells & Choir -- Sept 5 at 6pm & 7:15pm

Sunday School & Sunday Bible Class – Sept 9 at 9:30am

Public School Confirmation Class – Sept 9 at 1:30pm

Sisters Serving Christ Organization will begin with a potluck supper on Sept 11 at 6:30pm. Mrs. Pam Krieger will be presenting about the Saginaw and Flint Pregnancy Care Centers. Bring a passing dish. Table service and beverages will be provided.

LWMS Fall Rally will be September 23 at 1:30pm at Grace Lutheran Church in Durand. Our **Pie Sale** will be September 30 after both services.



Dinner and a Movie

The WELS newest movie, “To the Ends of the Earth” is coming out in October. We are planning to watch the movie on October 21st. The pot-luck meal will begin in the fellowship area at 5:30pm and the movie will start in church at 6:30pm. Our weekend services will also use the Synod-wide Mission & Ministry text Acts 13:38-48, with the theme: “Bring Salvation to the Ends of the Earth.” One hundred DVD’s of the movie will be distributed for free that night and the following weekends until they are gone. Everyone is invited!

Salem Sewing Class



Many children enjoyed getting together to learn how to sew. Watch the bulletins and newsletters for information on other sewing dates in the future. We are grateful to the willing and skilled women who taught these classes.



Vacation Bible School Devotion Time with Pastor Bare. The Lord blessed our VBS with over 50 children in attendance each day! We thank our teachers and helpers for their hard work and loving service!



Welcome, Pastor Paul Wilde!

Pastor Wilde's family was here on July 15th for his installation service.



The Christ Murals are up at the school!

We used the 2017-18 confirmation class gift money and an estate gift from Harriet Maybaugh to purchase the murals.

WELS ministerial education schools begin another year

2018/08/21/in Together

The four WELS ministerial education schools opened their years with blessings and good news.

While class sizes remain in the 20s and 30s for the next two years at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wis., projections based upon planned graduates from Martin Luther College indicate an upward trend toward the mid-30s in the following years. The Lord is answering the need for more workers in his harvest field.

Preliminary undergraduate opening enrollment at Martin Luther College (MLC), New Ulm, Minn., as of mid-August, is 768 compared to 756 last year. (Official enrollment is finalized at the end of August.) About 200 of the undergraduates are preseminary students, 70 of which are freshmen. Total enrollment in the various educational tracks is 547. Eleven students are enrolled in the staff ministry program.

Luther Preparatory School (LPS), Watertown, Wis., opened the school year with a total enrollment of 420, up from 416 last year. Enrollment has been steady over the last five years, significantly larger than the low of 333 ten years ago. Last year LPS sent the largest number of its graduates to MLC to train for the pastoral ministry (38) in its 153-year history. Seventy percent of the class of 2018 has enrolled at Martin Luther College.

Michigan Lutheran Seminary (MLS), Saginaw, Mich., begins the school year under the leadership of its new president, Rev. Mark Luetzow. Opening enrollment is 192, slightly lower than last year's 195. MLS has 14 international students from five countries (Canada, South Korea, China, Germany, and Mexico). Thirty-three percent of the MLS faculty (including dormitory staff) is new since the end of last school year.

We thank God for these schools and for their students who are preparing to serve the Lord in the public ministry.

Serving in Christ,

President Mark Schroeder

Church Office and Miscellaneous Stuff:

As more and more households are going to all cell phones, please let the church office know your current phone number.

If you would like to receive the newsletter via email, please send an email to the church office with this request. We currently have 35 families who have the newsletter emailed to them. church@salemowosso.org

Have a child attending college? Please let the church office know their mailing address and /or email address.

Did you know the church and school have a website and facebook pages?

www.salemowosso.org

Facebook: Salem Ev Lutheran Church

Facebook: Salem Ev Lutheran School

On the website there is information for both the church and school. The bulletins, sermons and newsletters are on there. (The “Serving This Month” sheet is NOT on the website.) Calendars for both church and school are kept up to date. School newsletters are on there as well.

On the church’s facebook page we put a “This Week at Salem” list of the weekly activities. Special services, events, volunteer opportunities are all posted on the facebook page. Some special music, singing, and sermons are also on our page.

School News:

School families will have already read this in the school newsletter, but here are a few things that were included in the August/ September School Newsletter

PTO – Salem’s PTO kicks off on Monday, September 10th at 6:30pm. Please join us to share in the discussions relevant to all areas of the school. Childcare will be available for attending parents.

Kroger – Kroger gives a percentage of your purchases to Salem, but you must sign up to link your Kroger card to Salem School. If you haven’t already, please sign up at www.krogercommunityrewards.com to register you card and start earning for Salem Lutheran School and our Faculty Continuing Education Fund. Our NEW Kroger Non-Profit Organization Number (NPO) is DG733.

Items we collect – Box Tops 4 Education, Coca-Cola Caps and Cardboard Codes, VG’s receipts (Family Fare or any Spartan Nash Store), Tyson Project A+ labels, and School Spirit coupons from Soft & Good Bread. These items really help in funding our computer goals, athletics and more.

There is a white plastic dresser outside the school office where you can put your donations. You can also bring them to the church office.

**** The Campbell soup program has been discontinued, please do not send them to school. ****