

From your pastor...

“Squash a Bug a Day!”



We're at the height of the summer bug season. Mosquitoes and deer fly are the most notorious nuisances as they buzz and bite and bother. So if we're outside a lot, maybe we squash many bugs in a day. In our God-blessed use of time, it's wise to make a goal of squashing at least one "bug" a day!

Is something bugging you? Annoying you? Bothering you? Identify one such annoyance and exterminate it. Exterminate it by actually addressing it, facing it, dealing with it. Usually it's something we're afraid of, something we have been procrastinating about. Pray, then attack it! Usually we'll see that God blesses our bug squashing efforts. The problem was handled. The situation was defused. The bug was squashed and no longer buzzes around our head and inside our head. The peace and quiet is refreshing!

And if you and I run out of our own bugs to squash (and even if we don't), wouldn't it be wonderful to ask those around us in life: "Is there something bothering you today that I can help you with?" Knowing Jesus carried our burden of sin and guilt for us to the cross, we gladly carry each other's burdens and help squash each other's bugs. It is a wise and loving use of our God's gift of time throughout every season of the year and throughout every season of life.

(4th in series on "Our Use of God's Gift of Time")

~Pastor Bare

forward to be reasonable, so please plan accordingly with your offerings if possible.

- We are continuing to look at electronic payment methods that will help assist those that are absent from a service to be able to easily submit their offerings.
- As you are all aware, Salem was blessed with a pastor through our Synod's assignment committee in May. Pastor Paul Wilde is moving here on July 9, 2018 and his installation and pot luck is scheduled for Sunday, July 15th. With this blessing comes the responsibility to fund our pastoral team into the future. So please keep this in your prayers moving forward. (We do have \$103,000 in the associate pastor fund to draw upon as needed each month.)
- Council will continue to monitor our financial situation and updates will be provided in the weekly bulletins.
- At the Quarterly Voters' Meeting on 4/24/2018 we held our annual election of officers and board/committee members. We fell short in filling out our need for elders. To assist our pastors in the tasks at hand we should have at least two to three more men on this very important board within our congregation. We encourage the men of our congregation to volunteer for these important assignments. If you are interested, please let the church office know and we will contact you about these very important and needed positions.
- The cosmetic improvements in several of our rooms at the school (sprucing it up and re-purposing some of our empty space) are continuing now that school is out for the summer. In addition, we have had our fire inspection and several doors within the school must be either replaced or repaired to meet current code. There will be a special voters' meeting scheduled to address

this and approve the nearly \$4,000 needed to make these required improvements.

As we have previously said, if you have any ideas, suggestions, concerns, please do not hesitate to contact anyone of us and we will try to address it as best we can.

Thank you,

Rick Freeman

Dear members of Salem,

Thank you for the generous donation you have given me to attend MLS for my final year. I am blessed to belong to such a loving and supportive church family. I look forward to my senior year and am trusting the Lord to guide my future.

~ **Sean McCloskey**

Members of Salem Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the Central African Medical Mission –CAMM–, we want to thank you for your generous gift of support sent to the Lutheran Mobile Clinic in Malawi. The boxes of pill bottles that you sent arrived safely and are being put to use with the busy malaria season. Your support of love, prayers and gifts are essential to the Gospel work done as we offer the medical services. Thanking God for you!

~ **Cheryl Valus, CAMM Contact Woman Coordinator**

Update on Henry Frey

Many have been asking how our grandson Henry is doing. For six months now we have heard mostly good news. He is active and involved, though at times moody and volatile. On June 21 he had his latest MRI, and Heidi told us it came back clear! God be praised! He is being re-immunized and that should allow him to attend school in fall.

Thank you to all of you for your prayers and concern! We know Henry is in the Lord's hands, and our God is good!

~ **Pastor & Pat**

Summer Tennis: Anyone high school and older who likes to play tennis is invited to come to the Owosso high school tennis courts on Sundays at 5pm.



**Blast Off to a
Vacation Bible School
Adventure**

When: July 23– July 27

Time: 9:00-11:30a.m.

**Where: Salem Lutheran School
520 W Stewart St.**

**Space Station
Salvation**

VBS is open to all children ages 3 through those entering 8th grade.



Thank you to all the helpers who either came and worked with the kids or donated items for the kids to use. Also, thank you to all the kids who participated. A fun time was had by all.



Paul Wilde will be ordained and installed during a special service on July 15th at 4pm. His father, Pastor Philip Wilde, will be our guest pastor. A potluck and fellowship time will follow afterwards in the school gym. Please bring a passing dish. Table service and beverages will be provided. The school will be open by 3:15pm if you'd like to drop your dish off before the service.

Getting to know our new pastor...



Paul Wilde was born on March 20, 1989 to Rev. Philip and Elizabeth Wilde in Ypsilanti, MI.

The Wilde family moved around quite a bit at first. Paul lived in Saline, MI for the first three years of his life. In the spring of 1992, they moved to Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. After two years, they moved to Englewood, Florida. In 1997, they moved to Wrightstown, Wisconsin, then to Braham, Minnesota, and finally to Bristol, Wisconsin in 2001. From Bristol, Paul went on to Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, Wisconsin, and graduated in 2007. Paul continued his pastoral training at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota, graduating in 2011. In September of 2008, Paul enlisted in the Minnesota National Guard, joining the headquarters battery of the 1-125th Field Artillery, 34th Infantry Division. Paul went through basic training and artillery school at Fort Sill, Oklahoma during the summer of 2009. The day after graduating from MLC, Paul was deployed with B Btry 1-125FA, 34ID, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He spent the year-long deployment guarding military assets on a naval base in Kuwait and running various patrols throughout the country. After returning home safely, Paul enrolled at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, in Mequon, WI in September of 2012. From 2014 to 2015, Paul was vicar

at Cross of Life Lutheran Church in Mississauga Ontario. In the meantime his family moved to Stratford, Wisconsin, where his father is currently a pastor at Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church. In the summer of 2016, Paul began working as a long haul truck driver, eventually moving to a local position driving dump truck near his parents' house. Last January, Paul returned to the seminary for his final semester, and graduated from the seminary this May.

Paul is the oldest of four children, and the only son. His eldest little sister, Christine (25), lives at home and is working toward a degree in nursing. His second little sister, Michael Elizabeth (22), completed her studies at MLC this May and was assigned to teach kindergarten and play organ at Grace Lutheran Church in Glendale, Arizona. Paul's youngest sister, Lydia (19) is a rising junior at MLC, where she is studying to be a history teacher.

God has blessed Paul with many different experiences and has allowed him to live in a lot of different places. Now he looks forward to finally settling down in Owosso, getting to know, work with, and grow with the members of Salem, and seeing how God blesses their efforts!