



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

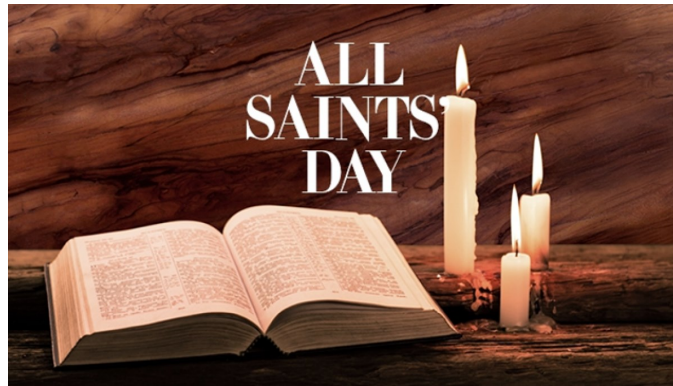
The Salem *LIFE*

NEWSLETTER OF SALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
SANDWICH, ILLINOIS

OCTOBER 10, 2022

VOL. 49, NO. 10

From Pastor Steve



All Saints Day, Sunday November 6

On Sunday, November 6 we will honor and remember those of our church family who have gone before us.

In our prayers and during Holy Communion we will lift up the names of Salem members who have died since last November, and who now rest in peace with Christ forever.

All Saints Day is traditionally observed on November 1 — in England it used to be called “All Hallows Day”. So October 31 was “All Hallows Eve” or “Hallowe’en.”

We, like many churches, move the All Saints celebration to the first Sunday in November.

All Saints Day began as a day to remember the martyrs — those who had died as a result of their witness to Christ. Because there were too many of them to be named, Christians developed a common celebration of all martyrs as early as the fifth century AD.

All Saints has evolved into a celebration of all of those who Christ has claimed in baptism, who have been fed at his table, and who have been joined to his body, the Church.

A “saint” does not have to be a Mother Teresa or a Peter or Paul. A “saint” is anyone whose manner of life reflects faith in God and who claims salvation through Christ.

On All Saints Day we remember that we become holy — sanctified — not by our own puny efforts but by the grace of God in his Son.

Grace alone, which God supplies; strength unknown he will provide.

Christ in us, our Cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone!

(Scott Brown, Jeff Nelson)

- Steve Mindrup

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

Serving Christ!

1022 North Main Street—PO Box 105—Sandwich, IL 60548

Phone: 815-786-9308

Email: Salemilc@comcast.net

Web site: wearesalemlutheran.org

Interim Pastor

Reverend Steven Mindrup

Phone: 815-988-4992

Email: pastormindrup@gmail.com

Administrative Assistant

Financial Secretary, Etc.

Bookkeeper

Traditional Worship Coordinator

Director of Contemporary Worship

Organist/Pianist

Organist/Pianist

Maintenance

Staff

Michele Farley

Gina Carlson

Karen Wesson

Nancy Rex

Libby Welsch

Gloria Gilbertson

Connie Hanson

Nancy Hayes

salem-mickey@comcast.net

salem-gina@comcast.net

salem-karen@comcast.net

salem-rex@comcast.net

salem-libby@comcast.net

In our church family...

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

CURRENT—Tom Glover*, Jim Kee, all those impacted by Hurricane Ian

CONTINUING—Lila Mattson*, Janet Klotz*, Marge Meyer*, Shirley Hines*, Nancy Shehorn*, Pat Clason*, Ruth Erickson*, Steve Guyer*, Ben Burkett*, Jackie Cline*, Mick Kimmey*, Darwin Classon, Mike Clayton, Mary Gliszczynski, Martha Poggi, Candy Gomes, Jeanne McNish, Sylvia and Cesar Hurtago, Max Garland, Larry Peppers, LaVerne Schober, Linda McVicker, 7-year-old Tinley, Kate Gage, Marci Bluestone, Bridget Yaeger, Ava Hawbaker, Tyler Mall, Jim Martin, Nick Morgan, Sarah Flanigan, Scott Evans, Joanne Sumner, John Mason, Suzi Diab, Sally Ferko, Jacob Kenyon, Nadine Vehe, Steven Johnson, Bobby E., Brian DeFalco, Neil Stiver, Brian Porter, Wesley Calkins, Brad Engle, Colleen McMahon, Pearl Undesser, Jeff Shulkin, Julie Cook, Carol Peisker, Darlene Comiskey, Scott McGary, Ken Baumbach, Breanna Mann, Erin Stiver, Jerry Burd, Carol Wilhelm, James McMahan, Shandol Dulin, Tanya Kimmey, Tom Wysoglad, Joe Petit, Mike Guzzardo, Mandy W. & children

MILITARY—All people serving in the military, especially: Kaden Brennan, Kiersten Breunig, Danny Cassidy, Charlie Golowacz, Nathan Hunt, Brandon Jakubiec, Shawn Jakubiec, Joseph Kimmey, Ross Magee, Garrett O'Dell, Jared Usey, and Kevin Zaleski



*Indicates Salem member.

Please help us keep this list up to date by checking on any persons you may have referred.



OCTOBER MEMORY VERSE

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

- Psalm 46:1

ELW 504, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

pray
for
peace 

OCTOBER 2022 SALEM CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



Salem's Congregation Council met at Salem on Tuesday, October 4, 2022, starting at approximately 6:30 p.m. All council members attended this meeting.

Following devotions led by Jackie Beverage, the minutes of the September 6, 2022, Salem Congregation Council meeting as prepared by Secretary Alan Deaton were accepted, and the treasurer's report presented by Treasurer Bonnie Guyer was accepted. Bonnie Guyer reported that all bills are paid, reported that no transfer of funds in order

to pay bills has been necessary all year, and reported balances as of October 4, 2022, for the following accounts. General Fund: \$13,636.96, Designated Fund: \$25,626.03, Capital Fund: \$27,901.10

Monthly reports were presented by Pastor Steve Mindrup and council representatives of Salem's committees.

Property Committee members presented a prioritized listing of major repair projects for 2023. The top priority is repair of the blacktop in Salem's parking lot, followed by repair to Salem's outdoor sign, and some painting and staining projects. Council members passed a motion to make a plan about how to appeal to the congregation for funding these projects. Property Committee members will work with Salem's Stewardship Committee members to prepare a funding plan.

Dean Lundeen reminded council members about the upcoming Growing Hope Globally event on the Sandwich Fairgrounds on Saturday, October 15, 2022.

Congregational Meeting -Sunday, October 23, 2022 - 10:00 am

There will be a meeting of the congregation for the purpose of electing members of the Congregation Council. All voting members are urged to attend. A voting member is a confirmed member who has communed and made a contribution of record during the current or preceding calendar year.



wearesalemlutheran.org

Members of the office staff have been working with Jim Beal of BealsBits LLC to provide Salem with a new and improved website. While it is still under construction, we invite you to check it out and give us your comments and suggestions. You can actually email us directly from the site.

Please keep in mind that it is a work in progress. You should be able to see changes and additions on a regular basis.

A congregation's website is a valuable outreach tool. Where is the first place folks go when they are seeking information? The answer most surely is "the internet". So anyone looking for a new congregation will probably access websites. Our goal is to make Salem's website as inviting and as informative as possible.

THIS MONTH AT SALEM



QUILT GROUP—The October work days for Salem's Quilters will be **Monday, October 10 and Tuesday, October 11** from 9:00 am to noon. They would welcome any willing workers to do a variety of tasks; no experience is needed. There are also quilt top kits pre-cut and ready for anyone to pick up in the narthex and take home to sew together. They are in need of donations of old sheets—clean, but in any condition. Please speak to Patty Farley or Cheryl Carls if you have questions.



NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK—Please register before October 11 if you plan to volunteer at the Northern Illinois Food Bank on October 18. The mask mandate for volunteers has been lifted. New volunteers are always welcome. The group meets in Salem's parking lot at 8:00 am to share rides as needed. The shift is from 9:00 to 11:30 am, and the group stops for lunch on the way home. The next volunteer opportunity will be November 15.

OCTOBER LUNCH BUNCH GATHERING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 11:30 AM

The group will meet at Salem at 10:45 am to share rides to *The Office* in Wedron.

Please sign up to reserve your spot.

Call Donna Fraley (815-263-7227) if you need a ride.



Adopt a Road
PROGRAM

Our final Adopt-a-Road walk for 2022 is set for Saturday, October 22 beginning at 8:00 am. The group will meet at the parking lot of Prairie View School. Please wear long pants, sturdy shoes or boots and work gloves. Bags and safety vests are provided. The walk usually takes about 1 hour.

This marks the end of our 15th year of participation in this DeKalb County program. Our first walk was held on June 28, 2008, when we were assigned a portion of county road to care for. Our assignment is a two-mile stretch of West Sandwich Road from Prairie View School to Coy Road. The requirement is that we walk the roadside picking up trash four times a year. We usually begin in April and end in October.

RUTH UNIT

Salem's Ruth Unit meets on the fourth Wednesday of most months. This month's meeting is set for October 26 at 1:00 pm at Salem. All ladies are invited to attend for fellowship and Bible study.

RALLY DAY

We were blessed with glorious late summer weather for our Rally Day on September 18.

Thank You!!! to

- all who helped with set-up and clean up
- worship planners and participants
- our wonderful cooks for delicious brunch food
- all who contributed dessert items for the raffle
- our Sunday School families who were decked out in their new T-shirts

READY FOR OUTDOOR WORSHIP



ALL GOD'S CRITTERS GOT A PLACE IN THE CHOIR





RAISING THE TENT—MANY HANDS, BUT THE WORK WAS NOT LIGHT



SALEM HANDCHIMES ARE BACK AFTER THEIR LONG BREAK.



On behalf of the Christian Education Committee, Sharon presented Bibles to Ryker VanPelt, Caroline Klingberg, and Grant Habbe.



ENJOYING BRUNCH



DESSERT RAFFLE EARNED \$176 FOR SALEM SUNDAY SCHOOL.



EVEN OUR LITTLEST KIDDOS ENJOYED THE BOUNCE HOUSE.



Ehtal



GROWING
HOPE
GLOBALLY

PUBLIC INVITED!
FREE admission

Come...
enjoy

HARVEST DAY

Saturday OCTOBER 15 • 2022

1401 Suydam Road • Sandwich, Illinois
FOLLOW THE SIGNS

SANDWICH FAIRGROUNDS



Adrian



Sara

10:30am

International Guests Presentations

Colombian visitors —
hear first-hand the impact
that has been made

www. Growing
Hope
Globally.org



- Lunch Served
- Fun, family activities
- Auction (**HOMEMADE PIES & MORE**)
- Displays & Demonstrations

OVER \$1,200,000

has been raised since 2004
by these local groups to alleviate world hunger

40 Farmers + 32 Churches* = \$70,000.00 (Projected 2022)
from the Somonauk, Earlville and Twin Rivers-Barrington Growing Projects
helping people in developing countries become self-sufficient
in growing their own food

More Info: TJLundeen@gmail.com

*REPRESENTING 9 DENOMINATIONS

See you
there!

Rain or Shine





Salem's 19th Annual



TRUNK OR TREAT

Saturday, October 29 — 3-4 pm

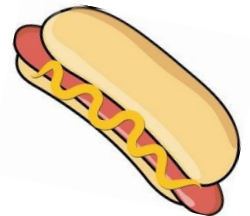
We invite all members and friends to park their decorated vehicles in the parking lot and hand out treats. Please sign-up if you plan to bring your vehicle. We have invited the children of the community to participate along with our own members. Please bring your children or your grandchildren and invite your friends and neighbors.

WE NEED YOUR TRUNKS!!!

Bonfire & Weenie Roast

4-6:00 pm

after Trunk or Treat



Immediately following Trunk or Treat the Fellowship Committee will host this fun-filled outing for EVERYONE, regardless of age. Come alone or bring the whole family! Invite friends. Bring lawn chairs & dress for the weather. If you can, consider bringing an extra chair or two for any guests. The committee will provide the hot dogs, the makings for s'mores, and beverages. Those attending are asked to bring a dish to pass.





CROP WALK 2022

12 walkers came out to Bethany Lutheran Church and 8 Sunday Schoolers did a mini walk around Salem. So far Salem has raised over \$3500, and final numbers will not be in until the end of October. We will keep you up to date on totals from the whole walk early in November. Thanks to everyone who helped make our CROP Hunger Walk 2022 a great success!



Our Sunday School students are grateful to the congregation for their generous support of their mini walk. They proudly counted out \$217.00 to add to the Salem Team total.

Lutheran World Relief School Kits

Sunday School students packed a record number of LWR School Kits last month. Thanks to all who donated supplies for **69** complete kits. Very special thanks to members of Salem's Quilt Group—**CHERYL CARLS, PAULA MUELLER, & JOANNE VANPELT**—who sewed all of the cloth bags in which the kits are packed. They are ready to be boxed and shipped.

