

SALEM'S MESSAGE

To love God, to love people & to spread God's word

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Weekend Worship

Saturday at 4:00 pm

Sunday at 10:30 am

Sunday School at 9:00 am



Pastor's Desk

“In the beginning, ... God created the family.”



The family was God's idea. It was created and defined by God in the beginning. The Bible opens with a solitary individual, but he isn't allowed to stay that way long. “It is not good that the man should be alone” (Genesis 2:18). God then brings every animal to the man in order to be judged and named, and the result is that “there was not found a helper fit for him” (Genesis 2:20). Here is the truth according to the Bible, a dog is not man's “best friend”. Instead, his wife is the only one that God created with the potential to fulfill that role. The creation story, Genesis 1-2, reveals man's need for a certain sort of companionship, and so Eve is created from Adam's own rib (Genesis 2:21-23). After having created them in His image (Genesis 1:27) and joining them together as the perfect, holy, God-ordained match as husband and wife, one man and one woman, God entrusts them with the responsibility and joy of multiplying. (Genesis 1:28-29) God created the family; one man, one woman, and children. This is God's design and God's desire. The family is not a social construct devised by human societies. No, according to the Bible, the family originated and is defined properly from God, the Creator of all, from the very beginning.

“Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’” (Genesis 1:26-28)

I invite you to celebrate this incredible revelation of the creation and definition of the family with the text from one of our hymns contained in the hymnal, Lutheran Worship # 466. (see page 2)

There is more to come than in regard to celebrating and strengthening the family as God designed. We will look closer in upcoming Quarterly Newsletters.

To God alone be glory, honor, and praise!
Pastor Goodwin -John 3:16-17

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Oh, blessed home where man and wife together
lead a godly life, by deeds their faith confessing!
There many happy days are spent, there Jesus
gladly will consent to tarry with His blessing.

If they have given him their heart, the place of
honor set apart for Him each night and morrow,
then He the storms of life will calm, will bring for
ev'ry wound a balm, and change to joy their sorrow.

And if their home be dark and drear, the cruse be
empty, hunger near, all hope within them dying,
let them despair not in distress; see, Christ is
there the bread to bless, the fragments multiplying.

O LORD, we come before your face; in ev'ry
home bestow your grace on children, father, mother.
Relieve their wants, their burdens ease, Let them together
dwell in peace and love to one another.

Lutheran Worship #466

"Oh, Blessed Home Where Man and Wife"

text by
Magnus B. Landstad
1802-80

Worship Service followed by Church Picnic at Springville Field & Stream July 9th at 10:30am



Congratulations on your
Confirmation!

Hannah Fanton
Claire Chandler



Bible Trivia

1. What is the longest book in the Bible?
2. What is the shortest book in the Bible?
3. How many books are in the Bible?
4. What was God's sign to Noah that he would never destroy the earth again?
5. When was the first math homework problem mentioned in the Bible?



HOT DOG MINISTRY

Every Wednesday 5-7pm



"Got first place in Bible trivia by being a Noah't all!"



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

-JULY 10-14TH

6PM-8PM

[VBSPRO.EVENTS/P/SALEMSPRINGVILLE2023](https://vbspro.events/p/salemspringville2023)



Congratulations to this years 2023 Graduates!
Job well done!

- Samuel Goodwin
- Russell Maul
- Sarah Weber
- Wyatt Myers
- Riley Ballantyne
- Bradyn Termer

LET THE
Word
OF
Christ
DWELL IN YOU
Richly.
COLOSSIANS 3:16

OFFICIAL ACTS

FUNERAL

- † David Boberg
- Entered into rest on March 11, 2023
- Service was held on March 25, 2023 here at Salem
- Pastor Eric Goodwin officiated.

† Jessica (Duerr, Johnston) Heim

- Entered into rest on April 11, 2023

RELEASED MEMBERSHIP

- Robert Smith

BAPTISM

-Beckham James Golembiewski
April 30, 2023
Son of Kaitlyn & Stephen Golembiewski

-Declan Robert Solecki
May 6, 2023
Son of Alexia & Jeremia Solecki

Preschool News

Jesus Time with Teri Stearns



Trivia Answers. 1. Psalms 2. 3John 3. 66 books 4. A Rainbow 5. When God told Adam and Eve to go forth and multiply.

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Bring Those Babies to Church

Our hearts goes out to the parents of small children. We know first hand the kind of problems they face. Training up a toddler in the way he should go is a constant job, a continuous battle, a seven-day-a-week task, not to mention an awesome responsibility. After six days of their whining chorus at home and three hours of embarrassment while shopping, the last thing some young mothers want to face is an hour of agony and humiliation at church.

Many a young mother has asked herself, "Why do I keep bringing them to church?" As she enters the auditorium she utters a silent prayer that the kids will be good and the sermon short. The service begins. While mother is picking up toys, drying eyes, wiping noses, swatting, scolding, going out, coming in, and trying to sing, listen, and pray, the toddler is pouring juice on her dress and pulling a button off the man serving communion. To the toddler, church is an exciting adventure. Song books are a challenge to take, stuffed toys make great missiles to launch over four or five rows, and the collection plate would make a great hat. Young parents take heart! Let me assure you of six things:

1. Your children do not disturb others nearly as much as you think they do.
2. If people without children are detemined to sit at the back (where most small children sit) then they deserve any distraction they get.
3. Most people really do understand your plight and remember back to the days when their children were infants and toddlers.
4. Through proper discipline and early training your children will soon learn how to behave properly. When they do begin to show signs of improvement, move down closer to the front where you and your children will feel a part of the worship.
5. Remember that you are both wanted and needed in the worship service.
6. Have faith that the hand which now hurls crayons will one day spread the seed of the Kingdom.

-Mike Schneider- Church of Christ, Rush Springs, OK