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



Salem was honored to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Pastor Richard Blemaster on August 25, 2018. Pastor Blemaster was a member of Salem Lutheran Church throughout his childhood and grew up right here in Springville, New York. A potluck luncheon was hosted in his honor following a special service.

Build Your Your Life on Jesus and His Teachings

Luke 6:46-49

Jesus lifted up his eyes to His disciples and said ... "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you? Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great."

This reading from the Gospel of Luke always reminds me to focus on what I am doing with my time. Am I using my time to build my life on the foundation of Jesus Christ and His teachings or the empty and fleeting teachings of someone else? There are many opportunities this Autumn at Salem to strengthen your life's foundation on Jesus Christ and His teachings. Be certain to attend worship regularly, Bible study frequently, servant opportunities often, and connect with a partner in prayer daily. Realize that intentionally using your time to build your life on Jesus and His teachings as your foundation will enable you to stand strong during the storms and struggles of this life, as well as cause your life to be a beautiful masterpiece for many to behold.

Build your life on Jesus and His teachings my friends,

Pastor Eric Goodwin

John 3:16-17

WEEKEND WORSHIP

Saturdays at 4:00 pm

Sundays at 10:30 am

Sunday School 9:00 am

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Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner
November 22 3:00 - 6:00 pm

Salem's Official Acts for the past quarter:

Baptisms:

Jadelyn Hayden - May 27, 2018

Hadley Gwise - July 15, 2018

Funerals:

Phyllis Salisbury - May 17, 2018 Committal Service
July 2, 2018

Elaine Middendorf - May 22, 2018 Memorial Service
July 7, 2018

Kenneth Ploetz - May 27, 2018 Funeral Service May
31, 2018

PreSchool News

Preschool teacher, Erica Glass-Terhune received a Springville - Griffith community Education Foundation Grant of \$250. To purchase STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) materials. These items will be used to engage children and teachers in fun, hands on STEM learning experiences.



Preschoolers visited the Jennie B. Nursing Home this summer.



The Preschool held a Chicken BBQ & Bake Sale on August 3rd. It was a big success, serving 350 dinners and raising \$2,373.00.

Spaghetti Dinner to resume

You are cordially invited to join our Salem family for dinner! All are welcome and encouraged to join us for fellowship with our members and those in the community. Invite your family, friends and neighbors for a time of fellowship and good food. Hope to see you there .. 3rd Thursday of the month.



October 18 and November 15 from 5:00 – 6:30 pm.



Salem hosted the annual Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby event in March 2018.

Christian Education:

Sunday School began on September 9 at 9:00 am
Children are asked to gather in the sanctuary where you will meet your teachers and join in the opening. (Pre-K - Grade 5.)

Adult Bible Study - Sunday mornings at 9:15 am in the social room "UnLocking the Mysteries of Genesis" This study will resume with Dinosaurs!

Adult Bible study - Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the sanctuary.

Experience the Gospel of Matthew through a DVD presentation that is powerful and entertaining and is taken word for word from the text of the NIV Bible translation. The presentation is then followed by discussion questions.

Confirmation:

Classes also began on September 9 in the meeting house. Grades 6 - 7 in the Meeting house, downstairs

Youth:

September 9 at 9:00 am "Life's Big Questions, God's Big Answers"

Confirmed Youth (grades 8 -12) meet in the Meeting House, upstairs.

New Members:

"Living the Faith": Upcoming Bible study for those who have completed "Discovered the Faith" study with Pastor Goodwin

CHOIR -

Choir with Salem's Young Voices

I recently had one of those God moments. We are always being asked to share in church.

I was going to bed and the electric fan, that I enjoy so much, was blowing cool air and making that gentle humming noise that helps put me to sleep every night when ... there was a blip in the flow of electricity and my fan (which I take for granted) came close to stopping but then started up again. The Holy Spirit spoke softly to me "Never take your Blessings for Granted, never forget to thank God for them. Not only is God my provider but also the creator of electricity".

Just think of how many people all over the world have to tolerate being hot all night or have to sleep despite noise and distractions like traffic or loud neighbors etc. Think of the people in the African bush or in China where there is no electricity or money to buy a fan -

Well as I was counting my blessings and thanking the Lord for them - Our choir came to mind - what a blessing it has been to me to sing with so many of you and then the addition of all The Young Voices last year.

Hallelujah! What great work God is doing with us. I can't wait to see and experience what He will do this year.

Thanks to all of you for your voices that bless everyone at Saturday or Sunday services.

Carol Goodwin or Grandma Goodwin

P.S. We will begin choir practices for this season in the balcony after church, on September 2nd and we will sing together for the first time this season on Sunday, September 23. See you at practice and feel free to bring a friend!

A Testimonial...



Because we are relatively new members of Salem, let me provide you with some background information as a way to introduce ourselves. We were lifelong residents of the City of North Tonawanda. I was born and raised in The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod where I attended the Christian Day School. Linda was raised Catholic and attended a Catholic high school in North Tonawanda.

After I finished college and some military service, we were married in 1972 and Linda became a member of the LCMS. We both regularly attended church there with our two daughters, Debra & Kimberly. We were active members for many years serving in the church as an elder, board of Christian education member, ushers, greeters, offering counters, altar guild, and the church senior choir. In 2003 I retired as the Police Chief for the City of North Tonawanda and we decided to build a house on our hunting property in Ashford and move there. As much as it hurt us, we conceded that driving over 100 miles on Sunday, particularly in bad weather, was just not practical and participating in any other church activities during the week was out of the question. We began looking for a new church in the area.

We found a new home at an area LCMS church. We were comfortable with the messages as well as the social

Vacation Bible School

We had a successful two weeks of VBS! The first week 19 children attended along with 22 volunteer helpers. The second week we had 19 + 31 children from our preschool attend for a total of 50. Along with 24 volunteer helpers. Thank you to all who helped in anyway. God Bless you!



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Reformation Celebration !!

Sunday, October 28

Special music and a
potluck luncheon after worship.

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activities and made many new friends.

As time went on and the church administration changed, we began to feel less comfortable, particularly with the messages that were being presented. While evangelism and outreach are always a priority it seemed that we (the church) were willing to overlook a lot in order to be the "I'm OK and your OK," liberally acceptable church, where there really is no right or wrong and just a whole lot of gray area. We were told that we needed to change a lot of church customs, practices and beliefs and learn how to cope with the millennials if we wanted the church to grow.

We attempted to change the direction the church was headed. During several transitional meetings we agreed we're not perfect, we are all sinners. We encouraged the leadership to open the doors, bring all the sinners in but we were told people won't come to hear that kind of message. They don't want to be told they're sinners. They won't come back. When the administration began a movement to leave the LCMS and become affiliated with another denomination we knew we had to leave. We could not in clear conscience physically or financially support a church that taught things we did not believe in. We left our church and our friends behind and began searching for a new church.

We bounced around to a few different churches before God brought us to Salem. After hearing our very first sermon and heading out to the parking lot, we looked at each other and we both knew this is where God wanted us to be. We were not looking for a social club although social activities are fine. We were looking for a church that preached law and gospel every Sunday. The Law to show us our sins and the Gospel to show us our Savior.

We are so blessed to have Pastor Goodwin as our shepherd. In this day and age where just about anything goes we are blessed to have a man that will stand up for right and wrong. Who will stand up for Jesus Christ. A man whose sermons are built four-square on the Bible not on what might be politically correct this week. A man that will tell us every week what we need to hear, which often is not really what we might want to hear, but it is always what we need to hear.

God bless America! God bless Salem! and may we all continue singing "Amazing Grace" together until we all meet at Jesus' feet.

Carl & Linda Stiles

If you are interested in sharing your testimony with us, please call or email the church office