

# Salem Lutheran Church & Preschool, Springville

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



## *A Message from Our Leadership President*

As I reflect on the past 10 years here at Salem, which is about the time I started on the Leadership Council, I'm reminded of two things: the amazing congregation that is Salem Lutheran Church and Preschool, and that change is certain.

"Jesus is the same yesterday and today and forever" Hebrews 13:8.

We confirmed 64 members, welcomed 49 new members to our congregation, graduated 94 students from our preschool, married 17 couples, and baptized 59 into the Lords family. Our key ministries continued with focus and purpose including Stephen ministry which added five new ministers, hot dog ministry, VBS, Thanksgiving dinners, praise band including youth praise band, ladies aid, fellowship dinners, and on! We survived a pandemic, grew attendance, improved our financial situation from a point where we had no savings balance to a healthy fund level in all areas – including the preschool which moved from a dire financial position to one of complete solvency. We celebrated our 150 year anniversary! Cathy Ried has retired and Jessica Hitchcock has been hired to fill her shoes and is doing a great job out of the gate. Oh yeah, Pastor was also called to us seven years ago and we have grown to love him and his family. Of course, none of this happens by accident. It happens by the grace of God working through an incredibly dedicated group of Christians who care about their congregation and are driven to spread God's love through the ministries at Salem. We are blessed with an incredibly gifted group of volunteers, leadership, elders, and dedicated members.

As I sit here now on June 19th and write this message I recognize that we have experienced a lot of change together over the past 10 years and that is guaranteed to continue. Some change is expected, some unexpected. Some is good and some is painful or difficult to understand and deal with. With the help of God, with Christian love and understanding, we will always pull through change and move forward together at Salem in God's ministry where we proclaim our Mission Statement; to love God, to love people, and to spread God's Word. We are blessed to have such a talented and dedicated congregation that can do this and not let change tear at our fabric as we move through anxious times together.

As my term in leadership draws to a close this year, I'm honored to have had the opportunity to serve and look forward to the future of our congregation.

"Therefore we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day." 2 Corinthians 4:16.

*Bill Snyder*

## *Weekend Worship*

Saturdays at 4:00 pm

Sundays at 10:30 am

Sunday School at 9:00 am

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# Preschool News - Amy Tillinghast

## Our 2022 Preschool Graduates!!



Watching the construction of the new pickleball courts. having a Bubble party. Who doesn't love bubbles!?!

## Sunday School

The Sunday School end-of-year fun day was May 22, 2022. The children enjoyed making "Full Armor of God" snack plates.



"Rise Up" with Jesus, an Easter Event with Families, was held on April 3, 2022.

# Official Acts

## Baptisms

- † Jackson Froais 3/19/22
- † Colton Froais 3/19/22
- † Myla Glenn 4/30/22
- † RaeLynn Ingram 5/1/22
- † EmmaLee Ingram 5/1/22

## 2022 Confirmation Class



- † Kylie Chandler † Kendra Dollas † Olivia Burdick
- † Allegra Johnson † Garrison Heichberger † Melissa Powenski, Officiant Pastor William Novack

## Congratulations

to Our 2022 High School Graduates!!

- † Megan Schneider
- † James Snyder
- † Marinna Heichberger
- † James Gouine
- † Abigail Ballantyne
- † Halley Hayden

Best of luck to all of you!!



## Hot Dog Ministry

Deb Cappella is continuing the Hot Dog Ministry every Wednesday in the summer from 5-7pm. Donations of Sahlen's hot dogs, & chips are always appreciated.



Our New facebook page is Salem Lutheran Church & Preschool, Springville (on front page under the information about the church)



## Annual Church Picnic

Our Annual Church Picnic will be held July 10, 2022 at the Springville Field & Stream, White Street, Springville at 12:00 pm. Bring a dish to pass and your own place setting



## Salem Sisters In Strength

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday July 9th 9-10am Nature Walk @ Sprague Brook Park
- Saturday August 6th -9-10am Nature Walk @ Erie County Forestry
- See Teri Stearns for more info

## Vacation Bible School

-July 18-22 6-8pm

-ages 4 to grade 5

sign up at <https://vbspro.events/p/springvillesalem>  
or scan this code



## Cathy Ried retires after 26 years

*My dear friends in Christ,*

It has been 26 years since I began serving Salem in the office, October 1, 1995 to be exact. My daughters were in high school and after working in the Middle School cafeteria for 5 years I decided it was time for a change. At the time, we were involved with the Youth Group and I had stopped into the church office for information about a gathering. The secretary at the time was a church member filling in as the position had been vacant for a time. She asked me "Did I want this job?" I thought about it, asked a few questions, then accepted the position. Wow – little did I know just how little I knew...



A few years later I was to learn what my spiritual gifts were. What an epiphany for me ... they were administration, faith and help, a perfect fit for this position. God certainly had a plan when he brought me to this place to serve, amazing how much can be accomplished when we allow the Holy Spirit to work within us. Do you know what your spiritual gifts are? Are you using them? Spiritual Gifts is one of my favorite Bible message: "But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." 1 Corinthians 12:7

Throughout the years, I was blessed to serve with Pastors: Richard Rolf, Tim Bickel, Travis Pittock, Darrel Moen, Fred Poeppel and Eric Goodwin. Thank you to our congregation presidents for your guidance and direction, Bob Barnes, Clyde Drake, Larry Benkelman, Mark Higgins, Bill Schneider, John Kenyon and Bill Snyder. To all the amazing members who served on the Leadership Council, Board of Elders and Board of Education. In addition for all the volunteers who give so willing of their time and talents, especially Carol Reiber for her devoted work, 20 + years, thank you!

Thank you to our Ladies Aid for always being so willing to help and for coordinating the retirement party for me on June 12. What a delightful gathering it was for me and my family, with pleasant fellowship and excellent food. You can't beat a Lutheran potluck! Also to all those who brought a dish, served and cleaned up, thank you. A gracious thank you to Salem for your generous retirement gift to me.

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To my family for all the times I enlisted your volunteer help, kept you waiting as I attended to church matters and always for your support, thank you.

In addition I am so grateful to have worked with Amy Tillinghast and the Preschool staff, for their support and friendship. What a joy each day to be greeted by a caring staff and the children, who are a true blessing to Salem and our community.

Congratulations to Jessica Hitchcock as Salem's new administrative assistant, I leave knowing the office is in her most capable hands.

As I look forward to this new path in life, it is with a grateful heart that I wish you all God's richest blessings.

*Cathy Ried*

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