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INSIGHT FROM GOD'S WORD: JUSTIFIED!

On October 31 each year, we Lutherans celebrate the Reformation. For on October 31, 1517, God moved Martin Luther to post The 95 Theses on the door of the castle church in Wittenberg, Germany. God raised up Martin Luther to return the church back to the teaching of the Bible.

The whole point of the Reformation and The 95 Theses is that contrary to the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church, a man does not justify himself by his good words and works but is justified by God's grace through the gift of faith in Jesus Christ. Romans 4:5 proclaims, "to the one who does not work but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness!" (ESV)

When God justifies us through Christ, He declares us to be "not guilty" and innocent of all our sins on account of Christ's perfect life, death and resurrection. I am "justified"—"just as if I'd" not sinned, even though I sin every day.

That God promises to justify us through Christ is a great comfort because: 1) God never lies—He always keeps His promises; 2) we know all our sins are truly forgiven; 3) God is with us and helps us through every trial, trouble and temptation; and 4) we have a sure and certain inheritance in heaven!

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WHAT MAKES FOR A CHEERFUL GIVER?

St. Paul wrote to Church of Christ in Corinth: "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7). God loves a cheerful giver. But who is a cheerful giver? Abel was. By faith, he gave the firstborn of his flock, and it was acceptable in God's sight. Abraham was. By faith, he prepared cakes and a tender choice calf for God and entertained angels unaware. So also were David and

Solomon. By faith, David would not make a sacrifice to God that cost him nothing, so he paid Araunah his due. By faith, Solomon built a house for God, where his name would dwell and thereby where He would dwell to be Israel's God and they His people. What more shall we say? For time would fail us to tell of all those who gave not simply for the joy of giving but for the joy of knowing the One to whom they gave. So also our Lord, who for the joy set before Him, gave everything – yes, even His life – enduring the cross and scorning its shame. He gave to the shedding of His blood, willingly and resolutely setting His face toward Jerusalem to die for the life of the world. Though He was rich in every way, He became poor, so that by His poverty, we might be rich beyond measure. So then, let us like Abel and Abraham, like David and Solomon, and even like our Lord Jesus Christ, give cheerfully to God for the work of His kingdom in our midst. Like them, let us decide in our heart for the joy set before us. It's the joy of knowing the One to whom we give is the One who gives us all good things. – LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship

NOVEMBER BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

LAKAMP, Jason B.	1-Nov
WARCUP, Monika C.	1-Nov
BECKWITH, Brevyn A.	2-Nov
BOWMAN, Seth N.	2-Nov
HADDEN,D, Paige O.	2-Nov
MEAD, Bryson J.	2-Nov
SMITH, Amy E.	2-Nov
GEHRKE, Quinton T.	3-Nov
HART, Elizabeth G.	3-Nov
POCKLINGTON, Izabel A.	3-Nov
ROBINSON Jr., David E.	3-Nov
ROEGGE, Bruce A.	3-Nov
BERGSCHNEIDER, Sarah K.	4-Nov
BLACK, Annika A.	5-Nov
KUNZEMAN, Brandon D.	5-Nov
MOODY, Donna J.	5-Nov
WITHEE, Breckin T.	7-Nov
WITHEE, Sophia J.	7-Nov
DAVIDSMEYER, Ryan W.	8-Nov
MOELLER, Max A.	8-Nov
RUNYON, Damon L.	8-Nov
TROWBRIDGE, Craig E.	9-Nov
WINKELMAN, Phillip J.	9-Nov
CROW, Kyle A.	10-Nov
STRUBBE, Chad E.	10-Nov
GOODING, Cheznie	11-Nov

TURNER, Dallas J.	11-Nov
TURNER, Dawson A.	11-Nov
MEFFORD, Jaime L.	12-Nov
REHG, Lester E.	12-Nov
MEFFORD, Brody M.	13-Nov
NIX, Josie M.	13-Nov
TOMHAVE, Gracie	13-Nov
LAKAMP, Austyn E.	14-Nov
MAGELITZ,R, Rachel F.	14-Nov
PRATT, GAIGE	14-Nov
RIVERS, Kelly L.	14-Nov
SALCIDO, John M.	14-Nov
VALENTINE, Stacy M.	14-Nov
FAIRFIELD, Sue E.	15-Nov
MIDDENDORF, Dwayne D.	16-Nov
SALCIDO, David A.	16-Nov
VINCENT, Retha M.	17-Nov
WATKINS, Jack S.	17-Nov
HAVENS, Abigail L.	18-Nov
MULLENS, PATRICIA	18-Nov
WATKINS, Kelsey M.	18-Nov
HYMES, Darryl D.	19-Nov
STURGEON, Charlotte V.	19-Nov
VINYARD, Emily A.	19-Nov
JARMAN, Sarah B.	20-Nov
PHEBUS, Laurie A.	20-Nov
REDD, Alyssa	20-Nov
DOYLE, Jason C.	21-Nov
MORTHOLE, Layken M.	21-Nov
NEWINGHAM, Linda S.	21-Nov
SHIREMAN, Charles H.	21-Nov
WINKELMAN, John C.	21-Nov
MOORE, Hailey D.	22-Nov
NORTHROP, Michael T.	22-Nov
GAIGE, Carson L.	25-Nov
LEUTZ, Jonathan M.	25-Nov
ALEXANDER, Myles B.	26-Nov
HACKER, Corey M.	26-Nov
WALLACE, Eric W.	26-Nov
DAVIDSMEYER, Michael P.	27-Nov
TENDICK, Randall	27-Nov
EVANS, Brenden T.	29-Nov
EVANS, Madaline M.	29-Nov
ROBINSON Jr., Edgar E.	29-Nov
MORROW, Macyn E.	30-Nov
MORROW, William D.	30-Nov

a baby girl, Vera Rose. She was born on Monday, October 20th at Jacksonville Memorial Hospital. Vera Rose weighed in at 8 lbs and 2 ozs and 20.5 inches long. Vera Rose joins 2 brothers, Andrew and Noah. May the Lord bless this new addition to the Mathis family.

IN SYMPATHY: Victor "Vic" Keith Sieving of Jacksonville passed away on Tuesday, October 11th at Jacksonville Memorial Hospital. Vic is survived by his wife, Eva and one daughter Delaney Sieving and his grandson Kameron "Kamo" Sieving. Siblings, Danny (Barb) Sieving of Colorado Springs, CO, Mike (Kim) Sieving of Jacksonville, IL and Chris Easter of LaJolla, CA He was preceded in death by both parents. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. May the Lord bless all who mourn the loss of this Loved One.

IN SYMPATHY: Gary L. Knipstein passed away Sunday, October 9th in Hoagland, Indiana. Gary is survived by his wife, Michelle Knipstein, children, Heidi (James)Wilkinson of Decatur, IN, Matthew (Michelle) Knipstein of Hoagland, IN and Laura (Chris) Ianucilli of Fort Wayne, IN.; his siblings, DeWayne (Carole) Knipstein of Hoagland, IN, Joyce Bland of Fort Wayne, IN, his mother-in-law Pearl Littig of Jacksonville, IL his 7 grandchildren and 2 step-grandchildren, Funeral service was held on Saturday October 15th May the Lord bless all who mourn the loss of Loved One.

IN SYMPATHY: Lorraine Quigg passed away Monday, October 17th at her home. Lorraine is survived by her three children; Tim (Ronda)Quigg of Jacksonville, Kathy (Scott) Fearrin of Carmel, IN, and Jeff (Amy) Quigg of Murrayville. Lorraine has nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She is survived by one sister, Joy (deceased, Ray) Schnitker of Arenzville and brother George (Trudy) Roegge of Jacksonville; numerous nieces and nephews. Lorraine was preceded in death by her husband, Baird; four brothers, Kenny (surviving, Pat) Roegge, Harlan Roegge, Charles Roegge, and David (deceased, Judy) Roegge, and three sisters, Martha (surviving Ken) Phelps, Vera (deceased, Bill) Patterson, and Frieda (deceased, Larry) Hines. Funeral services were held October 21st with burial at Walnut Ridge Cemetery in Virginia. May the Lord Bless all who mourn the loss of this Loved One!

UPCOMING SALEM WORSHIP START TIMES:

Nov. 6th 8:30 am Rev. Stratmann
 Nov. 13th 9:00 am Rev. Brechbuhl
 Nov. 20th 9:00 am Rev. Brechbuhl
 Nov. 23th 6:00 pm Rev. Brechbuhl
 Wednesday, Thanksgiving Eve Service
 Nov. 27th 9:00 am Rev. Brechbuhl Sunday Advent 1
 Nov. 30th 6:00 pm Rev. Brechbuhl Wednesday Midweek
 Advent 1

+ The Adult Bible Class will be immediately after the service and taught by Rev. Riemer, when other pastors have to leave to preach elsewhere.

NEW BABY: Wade and Lydia Mathis became parents of

+Since Rev. Brechbuhl will be preaching a monthly average of three times at Salem, the service will start at 8:30 am about once a month to allow Revs. Phillips and Strattman to preach at their own congregations at 10:00 am.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

THANK YOU: Thank you to everyone that came to the "Oktoberfest" and for supporting our Zone #7 LLL. This is one of the fundraising events to keep "The Lutheran Hour" and "By the Way" broadcasts on the Radio Stations. The LLL exists to spread the Gospel to the world that does not know the Savior. Zone #7 LLL has been active this year as it has always been. We were at the Virginia BBQ, The Morgan County Fair and the Beardstown Fall Fun Festival. People picked up pencils, bookmarks and pamphlets. We were also at the State Fair. Thanks to all who worked at the State Fair Booth. We had our Ice Cream Social in June and the just completed "Oktoberfest." Thanks to those who were willing to help and again for your support. Zone #7 Lutheran Laymen's League

SALEM LADIES GUILD: The Salem Ladies' Guild will be hosting their annual Cookie Walk on Friday, December 2, 2022, from 3:00-5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Guild members will be calling church members for cookie donations, which will be 4-5 dozen cookies. If you would like to volunteer your cookie donation in advance of the call, just contact Vickie Austin (217) 361-9423. As always, the Ladies' Guild is most appreciative of the generosity of our Salem members for this yearly project

LADIES GUILD: The Ladies Guild meeting will be held on Monday, November 14th at 3:00 pm.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS: Salem School is in need of willing hands for helping with Advent Costumes. If interested in helping, please contact the Church & School Office. Thank you.

RADIO OPENING: Salem Lutheran is in search of volunteers that would like to learn how to broadcast our services. If you would be interested in the opportunity to do that or would just like to see if you would enjoy doing this, please see Kevin Eckhoff. He would be willing to let you sit in and check it out. Any volunteers would be greatly appreciated. An opportunity to learn something new and help Salem out. Thank you

SCRIPT CARDS: Please remember the script card program here at Salem. The money made from you purchasing gift cards goes directly to the School. In today's world, it is much safer to use a gift card to make purchases, buy gasoline and etc., that way you are not putting your

credit card into a machine that might get compromised. Please remember Salem when making purchases of gift cards.

DOORBELL DINNER VOLUNTEERS: We need volunteers to deliver Doorbell Dinners during the week of December 5-9. We need 5 drivers and a few runners to help out during that week. We meet at Passavant Hospital at 11:15 each day Monday-Friday. The routes are usually completed by 12:45. It only requires a little time to make a huge difference to those in need. If you can help please call Rita Tendick at 217-473-5017 by November 30.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Salem is back to having monthly committee meetings. With the COVID19 we all have become lacks and have taken a step back to being in meetings. We would like to invite all who are on committees back to the meetings and invite anyone new that would like to participate on a committee to come. Committee meetings are held the second Tuesday night at 6:30 pm here at Salem. All are welcome and everyone needs to come together and get involved. Thank you.

THANK YOU: Thanks to the Jacksonville Kiwanis for their recent donation of \$500 to help purchase music and art supplies for our students at Salem School. Their generosity is greatly appreciated.

DEACONS: Listed below are the names of the Deacons for Salem Lutheran 2022. Please feel free to give your Deacon a call.

Group 1: "AA-GARM" Wade Mathis 217-690-2693
Group 2: "GARR-MAN" Austin Tomhave 217-883-3461
Group 3: "MASS-SHE"
Group 4: "SHIR-ZIM" Dwayne Middendorf 217-248-2091
Two Elders assisting Deacons:
Larry Baker (217)370-1480, Gerald Warcup (217)243-2620



PACK THE HOUSE: It's back! Come socialize with the Salem Lutheran family at Leo's Pizza every 3rd Thursday of the month! Dine-In or Carry out. Mention this event and

Salem receives 15% of all sales for the night! Let's pack the house **November 17!**

LOOKING FOR SOME HELP: Salem Lutheran has an elderly lady looking for a volunteer to help with light housekeeping, retrieving her mail, and taking out the garbage. If you would like to know more, please call the office and we will provide you with the name and number. Thank you for considering.

**OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP
WORK PROGRAM**

Fiscal Year 8/31/2022 – 07/31/2023
(from 8/31/2022 Treasurer's Report)

**CURRENT FINANCIAL
INDEBTEDNESS**

7/31/20	8/31/22
Farmers State Bank Line of Credit	
\$122,900.20	\$0.00
Internal Loan from Restricted	
\$63,725.00	\$0.00
	LEAP
\$828,100.60	\$675,233.16

**Financial Status Report for
August 2022**

Our total operating needs monthly:	\$ 51,874.82
Our operating receipts August, 2022:	\$ 37,885.42
Our total operating needs YTD:	\$ 51,874.82
Our total operating receipts YTD:	\$ 37,885.42
Our Shortfall or Excess YTD:	\$ -10,441.29

SCHOOL NEWS

News from Principal Joy Reitsma: We were delighted that our K-7 grade students were able to sing and play in church this past month.

The float in the IC homecoming parade was a BIG hit! Thank you to David Robinson and his merry band of workers for being such a big part of making it happen! Thanks to those church and school families who came to ride as well as those who supported from the street. It was great to hear people yell out the year they graduated while we were passing by.



Our next big event will be the trunk or treat we are hosting

on October 30 in the parking lot. We will have food trucks, face painting, animals, activities, candy and hopefully YOU!!! Come spend some time with your Salem family! **October 30 from 4-6pm**

PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN News from Mrs. Lysaythong & Mrs. Wiegand: With the changing of the weather the students were asking questions “Why it is getting colder?” and “Why are the leaves changing colors?” To help answer student’s curiosity, for science we explored and learned about the four seasons, animals, and plants that God created. “And He changeth the times and the seasons.” Daniel 2:21. The students gained an understanding that God created the sun, weather, and that during each different season there is new life to be appreciated. To connect God’s purpose to every individualized student, we took a fieldtrip to Jefferies Apple Orchard to see God’s creation all around us “...and a time to pluck up that which is planted.” Ecclesiastes 3:2. Each student received an apple that was harvest by the farmers, learned about the life cycle of an apple, went on a hay ride, and got an opportunity to play with a pony! What a wonderful hands-on experience!



1st & 2ND GRADE NEWS from Mrs. Deborah Steinacher: We are truly blessed to be able to teach about Jesus to our children at Salem! By the end of October we will be halfway to 100 Day. That means that we have already been able to tell the children about Jesus for fifty days! What an amazing opportunity we have here at Salem to include Jesus all day long. We have been learning about rocks. We know that rocks come in all shapes and sizes. The class wanted to know how God made the rocks. They wanted to know if Jesus walked on some of the same rocks that people do today. We have also been learning about needs and wants in class. They knew that wants are things that we don't have to have such as lots of toys. They were also quick to say that Jesus' love and forgiveness and His dying and rising again are needed by everyone. What a blessing Salem is! Thank you for your prayers and support. God's blessings to everyone.

3rd, 4th & 5th GRADE NEWS from Mrs. Blayre Petri

I am very thankful as a teacher to of had the opportunity to experience the LEA conference in Milwaukee this month. This allowed us as a staff to get to know each other better, along with learning new things for the classroom. We were fed well by the conference, and the key note speaker, "Scott Hamilton" was one I will never forget. Oh, how awesome our God really is! One way God speaks to me is through music, and I was blessed to have signed up for a session that did just that. Not only did I enjoy it while I was there, but it was music that I will use in my classroom as well. I pray that God will bless each and every one of you throughout this month! Mrs. Petri

Upcoming Events:

Oct. 30- Trunk or Treat- 4-6 pm

Nov. 17- Pack the House at Leo's Pizza

Nov. 23-25- NO SCHOOL- Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 14- Students lead Advent Service **6pm**

Dec. 15- Pack the House at Leo's Pizza

Dec. 19-Jan 2- NO SCHOOL- Christmas Break