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Newsletter



**Divine Comfort Through Christ In a  
Fallen and Sinful World**

Headlines unsettle and worry us with warnings about inflation, a hot summer attributed to climate change, energy blackouts leaving us in the heat and the dark, and enemies throughout the world plotting to harm our country and its people. Our families also are dealing with financial and relationship struggles that never seem to end. Then problems with our bodies seem to pile up as the years accumulate. So, it is easy for us to become overwhelmed by the problems of this fallen and sinful world. Yet the Holy Spirit through St. Paul proclaims this comforting word to each of us: **“Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, 17comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.”** (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17) This verse’s promised comfort to us is founded on the fact and promise of the Triune God’s love, eternal comfort, hope and grace towards us. **Love** is what motivated the heavenly Father to sacrifice His only Son, Jesus Christ, on the cross for our sin and the sin of all. Christ’s death and resurrection gives us the **eternal comfort**, our certain inheritance in heaven. Through Christ we have the certain and sure **hope** that He causes all things to work together for our good in this life and eternally. **Grace** is the reminder that all these promised gifts are not earned by us, nor could they be, but given freely to us by God’s kindness and mercy to us through and on account of Christ. Yes, we do live in a fallen and sinful world! But through, Christ we are graciously given God’s love, comfort, and hope!

Pastor Brechbuhl

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod  
LCMS Stewardship Ministry - [lcms.org/stewardship](https://lcms.org/stewardship)  
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**The Ceremony of the Offertory**

Have you ever noticed the subtle ceremony involved in receiving the offerings during the Divine Service? After all the offerings have been collected, they are brought forward and given to the pastor or one of his assistants. The pastor then turns toward the altar, and as he slightly bows his head, the collection plates with the offerings in them are raised slightly to the Lord and then placed either on the altar or a table for the offerings. Why do we do have this ceremony? And what does it teach us? For that is what ceremony does; it teaches, as the Augsburg Confession tells us, what we need to know about Christ (AC XXIV, 1-3). Originally, this ceremony included more than simply bringing forward what was collected in the offering plates. The elements for the Holy Communion—the bread and the wine—were brought forward along with the offering plates. As the offering plates and the elements were lifted toward the Lord, and placed upon the altar, the elements would be put in the center and the altar, now made a table, would be set for the Lord’s Supper.

These gifts brought to the altar came from the sweat of the people’s brow. It is the bread and wine, the fruits of the peoples’ labor in this fallen world. After six days of labor and toil, the people would bring a generous proportion for the Lord’s work. It was set upon the altar and offered to the Lord for Him to take up and press into His service for His gracious work in and among them.

For what they offered to the Lord from the sweat of their brow, the bread of anxious toil, came back to them as the bread of life, the bread come down from heaven that whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup would receive life through the forgiveness of their sins.

This is not unlike what the Lord did for His people in the Old Testament:

You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always. And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, when the Lord your God blesses you, because the place is too far from you, which the Lord your God chooses, to set his name there, then you shall turn it into money and bind up the money in your hand and go to the place that the Lord your God chooses and spend the money for whatever you desire—oxen or sheep or wine or strong drink, whatever your appetite craves. And you shall eat there before the Lord your God and rejoice, you and your household.

What a blessing! God provides for us in all things. He provides bread from the sweat of our brows, and He receives this from us in the first fruits offerings we give to Him in thanksgiving and praise. He receives and turns it into spiritual bread, heavenly bread, the bread of eternal life and gives it back to us so that we might have joy. So, the next time you are in the Divine Service, watch this ceremony in wonder, that the Lord gives back to us, what we have given to Him so that we may rejoice in the salvation He has won upon the cross and gives to us in His supper.

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Stewardship Ministry:

**AUGUST BAPTISM  
 ANNIVERSARIES**

SIEVING Victor K.	1-Aug
MCKEE Roberta L.	2-Aug
KORDING Gabriel B.	2-Aug
KIESEL Collin J.	3-Aug
McCARREY Jennifer G.	4-Aug
STRUBBEW Sabre M.	4-Aug
ZIMMER Linda K.	5-Aug
MCFADDEN Steven D.	5-Aug
TOMHAVE Caroline	5-Aug
CARLS Yvonne I. (Bonny)	6-Aug
BRUNE Sherri L.	6-Aug
WELLENKAMP Lucas A. (Luke)	6-Aug
LEISCHNER William L. (Luke)	6-Aug
DAVIDSMEYER Emrick W.	6-Aug
WILLIAMS Donald E. (Gene)	7-Aug
TROWBRIDGE Craig E.	7-Aug
MCFADDEN Robin L.	8-Aug
SHORT Christopher L.	8-Aug
PAYNE Theresa M.	8-Aug
JARMAN Carol S.	11-Aug
CRIM Louella M.	11-Aug
GAIN Bonnie V.	11-Aug
TOMHAVE Gracie	11-Aug
SIMMONS Ellen L.	12-Aug
LAWSON MICHELLE	12-Aug
HILL Joshua H.	12-Aug
PETERSON Brittany N.	12-Aug
DOYLE Jason C.	13-Aug
SCHAEFER Steve H.	14-Aug
PRATT Logan W.	14-Aug
MOORE Charles A. (Chuck)	15-Aug
BOEHLKE Benjamin	15-Aug
CHUMLEY Kylie A.	15-Aug
HOOD Liam C. (Liam)	15-Aug

DOLEN Rodney	17-Aug
MEFFORD Jaime L.	17-Aug
Brown Audrey	17-Aug
TROWBRIDGE Michael E.	17-Aug
PETERS Catherine	17-Aug
HAWORTH Joyce D.	18-Aug
MCCARTHY Allison	18-Aug
O'HARA Kristy N.	18-Aug
WIEGAND Ashton D.	18-Aug
DETTZ Griffin M.	18-Aug
LEISCHNER Lauren M.	19-Aug
HADDEND Paige O.	19-Aug
PFEIFFER Duane	20-Aug
LEUTZ Darr W.	20-Aug
STUCKER Jeremy C.	20-Aug
HANNEL Matthew A.	20-Aug
BOEHS Kenneth P.	21-Aug
BROYLES Mary E. (Beth)	21-Aug
WARCUP Karl W.	22-Aug
TOMHAVE Amanda M.	22-Aug
SCHAEFER Reid I.	22-Aug
TOMHAVE Abby E.	23-Aug
WATKINS Jack S.	24-Aug
GEHRKE Darin R.	24-Aug
SCULLEY Charles E. (Charlie)	25-Aug
HURST Maria E.	25-Aug
ROBINSON Jr. David E.	26-Aug
MAGELITZ David	27-Aug
SPRADLIN Robert A.	27-Aug
DUNN David L.	27-Aug
KORDING AMY N.	28-Aug
THRASHER Evan S.	28-Aug
THRASHER Owen J.	28-Aug
SANDOVAL Bernice E.	29-Aug
DIMMICK Rebecca E. (Becky)	29-Aug
TENDICK Ryan S.	29-Aug
GEHRKE Quinton T.	30-Aug

**IN SYMPATHY:** Rebecca Ann Lakamp passed away Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at Jacksonville Memorial Hospital. Rebecca leaves behind, husband, David Lakamp; two sons, Jeffrey (Deborah) Lakamp of New Berlin and Jason (Jennifer) Lakamp of Murrayville; four grandchildren, Andrew Lakamp of Lincoln, NE, Erin Lakamp of Texas, Austyn Lakamp and Ashlyn Lakamp of Murrayville. She was preceded in death by one son, Jay David Lakamp. Funeral service will be held on Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at Williamson Funeral Home with burial at Diamond Grove Cemetery. May the Lord bless those who mourn the loss of this Loved One!

## **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

**PLAYGROUND REFURBISH:** We have started and hope to finish quickly working on our playground. Removing and replacing the material. The cost for this is \$6,450.00. We are planning on doing this work with our volunteers. If you would like to give financial assistance, please mark your envelope "Playground Refurbishing". Thank you.

**UPCOMING SALEM WORSHIP START TIMES:** 8:30 am start times are required for pastors to preach at two congregations, allowing for travel time:

July 31<sup>st</sup> 9:00 am Rev. Brechbuhl

Aug 07<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am Rev Brechbuhl at Salem then Arenzville

Aug 14<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am Rev. Brechbuhl at Salem then Chapin

Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> 9:00 am Rev. Brechbuhl

Aug 28<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Rev. Riemer

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

+ After Aug 14<sup>th</sup>, Rev Brechbuhl has no further pre-existing preaching commitments outside of Salem. +Since Rev. Brechbuhl will only be preaching an average of three times at Salem each month, 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.

**CHURCH & SCHOOL COOKOUT:** We are excited about inviting everyone out to our house for another church and school cookout! Mark your calendar for Sunday, August 28. Come out from 3:30-7:00 for lots of time to visit and for the kids to play. We will eat at 5:30. We will provide the main dish, table service, and water. Please bring a dish to share and a lawn chair if you wish. If you want, please feel free to bring your own drinks. Be sure to tell all of your family and friends! Our address is 2629 Woodson Franklin Road, Franklin, Illinois. If you have questions please feel free to call 217-370-0581. We will have the cookout rain or shine. We're looking forward to seeing you! Deborah and Steve Steinacher.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you for your gifts to the Seminary Food Bank during the ingathering in June. We have sent a check to them for \$785.00 to help replenish food items in their food bank. The Salem Ladies Guild appreciates your assistance and generous gifts this year.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Abby Tomhave and Caulyn Crow were united in marriage on Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> here at Salem. We would like to congratulate the newlyweds and may the Lord bless this marriage.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR SALEM:** It has become a tradition, the Ladies' Guild will be collecting school supplies for our Salem students for the coming school year. There will be a collection box in the church nartex beginning Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> through the month of August with a list of supply

suggestions attached. School begins Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks and God bless for helping our Salem teachers and students.

**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.

**REGISTRATION FOR 2022-2023:** We are currently taking registration for the next school year 2022-2023. If you have questions, or need information, please call the office (217)243-3419 or stop in and we will provide you with the information. If you know of students, looking for a good quality education and atmosphere, please send them our way. Thank you!

**ALTAR FLOWER VASES:** If you have had Altar Flowers and taken the vases home with you, please return the vases. We are out of Altar Flower vases and are in need of getting them back. Thank you.

**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.

**SALEM'S CALL COMMITTEE:** The following members have either been nominated by the Voter's Assembly or volunteered to serve on Salem's Call Committee at the June 2022 meeting. The following members have agreed to serve on that committee: Mike Krause, Chairman, Danny Magelitz, Kevin Eckhoff, Judy Riemer, Darin Gehrke, Mary Anne Lawson, Luella Crim, John Tomhave, Mark Lovekamp, Dwayne Middendorf, Linda Strubbe. Salem's Board of Elders appointed the above noted members to serve on the Call Committee and establish Vice Chairman Mike Krause to serve as chairman of that committee. It was approved by the Elder's at the Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**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

**OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

**WORK PROGRAM**

Fiscal Year 8/2020-7/2021

(from 9/30/2020 Treasurer's Report)

**CURRENT FINANCIAL**

**INDEBTEDNESS**

<b>7/31/20</b>	<b>6/30/22</b>
Farmers State Bank Line of Credit	
\$122,900.20	\$0.00
Internal Loan from Restricted	
\$63,725.00	\$0.00
	LEAP
\$828,100.60	\$680,361.59

**Financial Status Report for  
June 2022**

Our total operating needs monthly:	\$ 48,227.92
Our operating receipts June, 2022:	\$ 34,032.42
Our total operating needs YTD:	\$530,507.13
Our total operating receipts YTD:	\$584,184.13
Our Shortfall or Excess YTD:	\$ 18,796.26