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April 2023 Newsletter

The Church's Core Competency: "He is risen!"

"He is risen!" Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! That was the proclamation of the angels at the tomb of Jesus on the first Easter. That was the proclamation of the apostles in the Book of Acts. And that has been the proclamation of the church for the last 2,000 years. As St. Paul says it: "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost." (1 Corinthians 15:17-18)



That is, if Christ did not rise from the dead 2,000 years ago, then there are two consequences, both bad: your sins are not forgiven and your deceased loved ones are not in heaven.

But the good news of Easter is that, in fact, Christ did rise from the dead on that first Easter, assuring the believer of the forgiveness of sins and a certain and sure place in heaven! The Holy Spirit proclaims this through St. Paul: "But, in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive!" (1 Corinthians 15:20-22)

Using a concept from modern business theory, the core competency of the church is the proclamation of the resurrection of Christ and the forgiveness of sins through Him. It is only a secondary purpose of the church to help the poor, seek a just society and teach morality. These good works are something that the church should do, and they are pleasing to God, but the church lives and grows only by her proclamation of the resurrection of Christ and the forgiveness of sins. May all Christians be about this primary work of the church, sharing and living the message, "He is risen! You are forgiven!" Pastor Brechbuhl

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LCMS Stewardship Ministry – lcms.org/stewardship
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A BETTER WAY: The most common question about stewardship is not whether a Christian should give to their church. Of course Christians should give to their church. Everyone knows this. Rather, the question asked most is, "How much should I give?" But this question really means, "Should Christians give a tenth of their income to their local congregation?" Here are some common reasons against tithing. Some say tithing isn't necessary because it isn't expressly commanded in the New Testament. There is no "Thus saith the Lord," or "should" concerning tithing. Others say that Christians give to their congregation in ways much broader than money. They give of their time and their talents,

and these together with treasures (money) add up to more than a tithe. Still others say that they give of their treasures to other things besides their congregation, and they want to support those things alongside their church. And then there are those who think Christians shouldn't tithe because of some fear. They are afraid that if they tithe, their gift will be misused, or that after tithing, there won't be enough left over to get the things that they use, want or need. Here are some reasons why Christians should tithe. Even though the New Testament doesn't specifically command Christians to tithe, the Old Testament people were commanded to. And on top of this, St. Paul often describes giving a regular and generous proportion of the first fruits of one's income — terms similar to a tithe (2 Cor. 8:7–23; 2 Cor. 9:2–7). But here's another way to think about it. What was the point of the tithe in the Old Testament? Where did it go? This tithe was intended to support the ministry of the Levites. They were not given any land because they had no time to farm; their full-time job was the ministry. What does it say in the New Testament? "The Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel" (1 Cor. 9:14). This is the verse that Luther used in the Small Catechism's Table of Duties to explain what Christians owe to the support of the ministry. It seems clear from both the Old and the New Testaments that the tithe is the goal of Christians in their giving. But what if we're not there yet? How should we handle this? What are we to do? Let's answer this by asking a different question. What would you say to your adult children who only attended church quarterly or once a month? After all, there is no passage in the New Testament that requires Christians to go to church weekly. Hebrews 10:25 is the closest verse we have, and it states simply that Christians should not neglect gathering together. And even though there is no passage that commands Christians to gather weekly, that is the implicit expectation throughout the Old and New Testaments. So, what would you say to that son or daughter? The conversation might go something wonderful blessing to hear God's promises of forgiveness, life and salvation, and to receive His gifts in Word and Sacrament. But you can do better, and it will only be a blessing to you. There is a better way, and I'd really like you to try to attain it. We should approach the topic of tithing with a similar conversation. The tithe is not specifically commanded in the New Testament, but it sure seems like the implicit expectation of both the Old and New Testaments. So, we're ecstatic that you're giving, and that you're giving in all these various ways — time, talents and treasures. But there is a better way. And that will only be a blessing to you, just as the Word of God — Old and New Testament alike — promises. Can you try increasing your gifts over the coming weeks, months and years? Can you put your trust in the God who sent His Son to take away your sin and give you everlasting life? And if He did this for you, if He did not spare His only Son, how will He not give you all things? He will not disappoint.

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APRIL BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

CAMPBELL, Jack K.	1-Apr
KIESEL, Collin J.	1-Apr
NIX, Joseph	1-Apr

STRUBBE, Keith L.	1-Apr	WOHLERS, Ralph A.	16-Apr
SULLIVAN, Shyanne R.	1-Apr	HENDERSON, Jane M.	17-Apr
WARCUP, Gerald W.	1-Apr	MICHAEL, Gerald W. (Mike)	17-Apr
WELLENKAMP, Evelyn K.	1-Apr	THIES, Luca E.	17-Apr
MATHIAS, Cody M.	2-Apr	MAYBERRY, Helen I.	18-Apr
MOLOHON, Dustin L.	2-Apr	LAWSON, Randall E.	19-Apr
NOBIS, Lakin	2-Apr	MONROE, David J.	19-Apr
ARING, Melissa K.	3-Apr	WITHEE, Jessica M.	19-Apr
DOLEN, Jocelyn M.	3-Apr	DELONG, Sharon L.	20-Apr
MCDADE, Joyce E.	4-Apr	LEDBETTER, Hilary A.	20-Apr
NOBIS, Byron L.	4-Apr	MORRIS, Robert W.	20-Apr
CARLSON, DEBRA A.	5-Apr	SURRATT, Jaye H.	20-Apr
JARMAN, Dennis L.	5-Apr	CAMPBELL, Wanda K.	21-Apr
SLAVENS, Monte	5-Apr	EYER, Judith K.	21-Apr
BAILEY, Mary A.	6-Apr	BRADLEY Jr., Donald W.	22-Apr
CHRISTEN, Brenda J.	6-Apr	WILSON, Isabella R.	22-Apr
ENGBRECHT, Danny L.	6-Apr	ELLIOTT, George W.	23-Apr
LEUTZ, Dawn M.	6-Apr	RUNYON, Faith J.	23-Apr
MILLER, Joseph E.	6-Apr	WIEGAND, Dana L.	23-Apr
MORRIS, Deborah A. (Deby)	6-Apr	TOMHAVE, Chase M.	24-Apr
PENNELL, Dessa E.	6-Apr	ENGBRECHT, Joseph A.	25-Apr
RUNYON, Judith A. (Judy)	6-Apr	PRICE, Hank	25-Apr
VIEIRA, Trena S.	6-Apr	PRICE, ZEKE E.	25-Apr
HADDEN, Dale B.	7-Apr	WILLIAMS, Pamela J. (Pam)	25-Apr
SCHONE, Karmy L.	7-Apr	FRAZIER, Connar M.	26-Apr
BEZLER, Lauren E.	8-Apr	GANT, Lakin E.	26-Apr
EVANS, Doris E.	8-Apr	LAWRENCE, Breaun N.	26-Apr
CHUMLEY, Shelby A.	9-Apr	SCULLEY, Joseph E.	26-Apr
ERIXON, Dillon T.	9-Apr	HILSABECK, Margaret M. (Molly)	27-Apr
VEDDER, Vicky A.	9-Apr	RYALS, Savannah R.	28-Apr
FAIRFIELD, Kevin J.	10-Apr	HANNEL, Lucille M.	29-Apr
GILLIS, Dorothy H.	10-Apr	SCHUMACHER, Kyle M.	29-Apr
HILL, Shirley A.	10-Apr		
LOWERY Jr, Michael S. (Steve)	10-Apr		
LOWERY, Donna J.	10-Apr		
ZIMMER, Linda K.	10-Apr		
ROBINSON, Conner C.	11-Apr		
BAKER, Corey L.	12-Apr		
HOOD, Jena L. (Jena)	12-Apr		
TOMHAVE, Karen L.	12-Apr		
HILL, James K.	13-Apr		
STRUBBE Jr., William M.	13-Apr		
Burger, Benjamin J.	15-Apr		
ELLIOTT, George A.	15-Apr		
KORDING, AMY N.	15-Apr		
KORDING, Erin E.	15-Apr		
RUNYON, Darrell J.	15-Apr		
PAHLMANN, Julie A.	16-Apr		

UPCOMING SALEM WORSHIP START TIMES:

Apr. 6th Maundy Thursday, Noon and 7:00 pm

Apr. 7th Good Friday, Noon and 7:00 pm

Apr. 8th No Saturday Evening Service

Apr. 9th Easter Sunday 9:00 am

Apr. 16th Sunday Divine Service 9:00 am

Apr. 23rd Sunday Divine Service 9:00 am

Apr. 30th Sunday Divine Service 8:30 am

UPTON & TENDICK THANK YOU: Thank you to all Salem members and friends who are supporting our grandson, Jayden Upton, during this time of his recovery. He will be leaving Iowa City's University Hospital in the coming weeks and moving to a residential physical and occupational rehabilitation facility closer to his home and parents. His recovery will be lengthy one, but the outpouring of concern and generosity have encouraged him to move forward more each day. All of your prayers, texts, emails, cards, phone calls and donations are greatly appreciated by our entire family. Salem Lutheran Church has always felt like family for all of us.

May God bless each and every one of you! Sincerely, Randy and Rita Tendick

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

RADIO BROADCAST: The Good Friday noon service will be broadcasted on WLDS 1180 (AM) at 6:00 pm Friday, April 7th.

REMINDERS: DON'T ASSUME that Pastor knows when you are hospitalized. Please call the Church Office 243-3419 to let us know when you enter the hospital.

EASTER BREAKFAST: We are planning an Easter Breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 9th 7:30 -- 8:30 am. If you would like to donate items such as sweets, milk, juice. Please have your donations in by noon on Saturday April 8th. Planning on having Biscuits and gravy, sausage and pancakes and other items to be determined. Thank you

Upcoming School Events:

Mark your calendars now!

March 27-31- No School- Spring Break
March 28- Girls Volleyball at OSS 7:45pm
April 2- Students sing in church 8:45 am arrival
April 4- Girls Volleyball at OSS 5:45pm
April 18- Girls Volleyball at OSS 7:45pm
April 5- Silent Auction bidding begins
April 20- pack the House at Leo's Pizza
April 25- Girls Volleyball at OSS 5:45pm
April 27- Girls Volleyball at OSS 6:45pm
April 28- No School- Teacher Work Day
April 29- LIVE AUCTION 4-7 pm
Cake Walk

LUTHERAN WITNESS RENEWAL: Lutheran Witness are coming up for renewal. If you are presently taking the Lutheran Witness, it will need to be renewed. The yearly price is \$19.20. If you would like to renew, please remit your payment by Sunday, April 23rd. If you would like to start a subscription, give the office your information and payment and we will see that it gets started. Thank you.

GREAT START TOWARDS REPLACEMENT WINDOWS. We received a gracious donation of \$10,728.50 toward the cost of the window project. The cost will be \$23,000. We ask you to consider contributing to assist in getting these windows paid for. Thank you.

SALEM'S 3RD ANNUAL FUNDRAISER: The bidding will start on April 5th. Bidding will end April 29th. In person event with the "Let's Make A Deal" gameshow will be April 29th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Changes this year, we will have some live auction items on April 29th and working on additional items. Donations for the auction will be accepted starting March 1st.

JAYDEN UPTON UPDATE: Jayden Upton is progressing very nicely. He is at home. Jayden enjoys receiving cards, so if you would like to send him a card, his address is: Jayden Upton 8615 Ridge Wood Road, Rock Island, IL 61201 Thank you.

ADOPT A STUDENT: The Adopt A Student Fund is receiving requests for assistance from some of our students for the upcoming school year. We would like to assist these families, but we need the help from the Congregation. If you would you like to help, please mark your envelope "Family In Need". The money you donate, will go directly to these family's account. If you would like to sponsor a student for a month, 3 months, 6 months or a full year, please call the office. We would love to have such donors. 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

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

THANK YOU: The Call Committee would like to thank the congregation for the wonderful support provided to welcome Rev Nathan Janssen and his wife Donna. They were extremely thankful for the turnout and Rev Janssen was extremely complimentary of our congregation saying "these are the type people I grew up with in Illinois"; and he knows he would be a good fit. We continue to pray that the Holy Spirit lead the right person to be our pastor. Thanks again.

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 **1/31/23**

Farmers State Bank Line of Credit

\$122,900.20 \$0.00

Internal Loan from Restricted

\$63,725.00 \$0.00

LEAP

\$828,100.60 \$664,857.82

**Financial Status Report for
January, 2023**

Our total operating needs monthly:	\$ 51,874.82
Our operating receipts January, 2023:	\$ 39,387.53
Our total operating needs YTD:	\$306,566.46
Our total operating receipts YTD:	\$335,840.25
Our Shortfall or Excess YTD:	\$29,273.79

SCHOOL NEWS



Enrollment for the coming year is now open to the community. If you have not returned your enrollment for next year do it today!



We are excited to already have children signing up for summer camp! If you need a payment plan in order to sign up early, please let the office know. The sooner we know how many children to expect

the better! Tell your friends too!



PACK THE HOUSE: It's back! Come socialize with the Salem Lutheran family at Leo's Pizza every 3rd Thursday of the month! April 20th. Dine-In or Carry out. Mention this event and

Salem receives 15% of all sales for the night

NEWS FROM PRINCIPAL JOY REITSMA: Happy Spring! Our students are growing and thriving! We are looking forward to the auction as all the classes are busy making projects to put up for auction. Middle School will have a stained-glass window, Grades 3-4 will have a personalized giant Jenga Game set, Grades 1-2 will have a customized Corn Whole game, 3K and 4K will each have a piece of artwork done by the students. Sports continue with the 6th grade girls joining forces with Washington to play volleyball. You can watch them play at OSS. If you ordered pizza, you can pick them up on April 16th from 3:15- 5:30pm. Enrollment for both the 2023-2024 school year and summer camp is going well. We continue to have families who need financial assistance. If you would like to sponsor a student, please give to the adopt-a-student fund or call the office to sponsor a particular student or family. Do you have some extra time on your hands? We will need some assistance in making room for new classrooms and cleaning out some storage spaces. If you have some time to help, please contact the office. Thank you all for your continued support whether it is in prayer, financial donations,

or time.

PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN News from Mrs. Lysaythong & Mrs. Wiegand: The students learned about Noah Ark and God's promise to never flood the earth again and each time when we see a rainbow in the sky it symbolize His promise. GENESIS 9:11– And I will establish my covenant with you: Neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there anymore be a flood to destroy the earth.” Preschool 3 continues to review their letters and numbers by using various mediums such as playdough, sand trays, and sensory paint bags to practice with their writing skills. Their focused theme was community helpers where the students together created a small table community with milk cartoons, shoe boxes, and paper vehicles. The teacher brought in giant tooth, flosses, and toothbrushes for the student to learn about dental care through hands-on play. In the Preschool 4/Kindergarten classes the focus was about God's creation: water, nature all around us, and the human body. For science the students participated in a rainbow water experiment, explored a variety of rocks, and built a DNA model out of candy. In math the students practiced telling time with the hour and minute hands, identified/wrote numbers 1-25, and played “I Spy” shape games. As part of their weekly learning skills, the students participated in expressive arts by creating a nature map, drew/painted all the places that they can find water, and embraced their uniqueness by drawing a half face self-portrait.



1st & 2ND GRADE NEWS from Mrs. Deborah Steinacher:

We have been busy doing so many projects! We have been going around the church and school to look at all of the wonderful things that are here for us to be thankful for. We took pictures in the church and school. After that they were to write about each picture. They did a wonderful job of writing about the many blessings we have at Salem. We have also been busy with creating lots of art for the hallway. We have made two cross projects. One looks like a stained glass that we sponge painted. We used foil and torn paper to create our second cross. Art is a wonderful way to learn about Jesus dying on the cross for our sins. We have also been working on our chapel message. We have been learning that singing songs is a fun way to praise God! Thank you for all of your support! God's blessings to everyone.

3rd, 4th & 5th GRADE NEWS from Mrs. Blayre Petri: Third and fourth graders are working hard on their auction project. We are making a handmade large lawn jenga game. The

students are working on finding 4 of their favorite bible verses to write on our jenga pieces. This specific set will have 53 large pieces that the students will participate in covering them with sealant and writing their verses on. The students love being able to put their input into our project and are doing a fantastic job. God Bless,
Mrs. Petri

6th, 7th & 8th GRADE NEWS from Ms. Joy Reitsma:

Middle School has been working hard. They are learning algebraic concepts as well as how to use the English language for good communication. They are learning about the atmosphere and the Civil War. They continue to serve the community at the Jacksonville Food Center.

2023 Holy Week Worship

Maundy Thursday, April 6

Noon Worship

7:00 PM Worship



Good Friday, April 7

Noon Worship

7:00 PM Worship

6:00 PM Radio Broadcast over WLDS (1180)



Saturday, April 8 5:30 PM NO

Worship Service

Easter Sunday, April 9

7:30-8:30 AM Easter Breakfast

9:00 AM Festival Worship

