

Salem Lutheran  
Church and School

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## September 2023 Newsletter

### Insight from the Word of God: What We Believe and Teach



A man was once asked: "what do you believe?" He answered: "why I believe what my church believes!" "And what does your church believe?" The man answered: "my church believes what I believe!!" In other words, the man really did not know what his church taught nor

how to express his own faith!

If you were asked the same questions, would you be able to tell someone what you believed and what your church believed? Below is a summary of our orthodox Lutheran faith as it is taken from the Bible:

1. The one and only God is **the Triune God** ("the Trinity") who is three coequal and divine Persons, namely the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The Trinity is eternal, almighty, all-knowing, everywhere present, and perfect in mercy and justice.
2. The entire **Bible** is God's verbally inspired revelation of Himself to mankind. The Bible is, therefore, without any error. Its central message is the saving work of Jesus Christ through his life, death and resurrection to bring forgiveness of sin and eternal life to all who believe in Him.
3. God, who is the Creator of all, also created man righteous and holy. When man **fell into sin**, as evidenced by his inability to keep the Ten Commandments, God sent his only and eternal Son, Jesus Christ, to bear the guilt and punishment of all our sin.
4. Jesus shared our **human nature** but lived the only perfect life on earth. On Good Friday, He suffered crucifixion in our place, resulting in His death. On Easter, He rose from the dead, body and soul, to bring victory over death and sin to all who have the gift of faith in Him.
5. The Holy Spirit desires to give faith to

everyone through "**the Means of Grace**," namely, God's Word, the Bible, and the sacraments: the Lord's Supper and baptism.

5. Through the **Lord's Supper**, God offers the true body and blood of Christ in/with/under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins.

6. Through **baptism**, bestowed on babies, children, and adults, God creates and sustains faith in Christ, and promises the forgiveness of sins and new life in Him, all to be received by faith.

7. Because of Jesus' payment for all sins through His crucifixion, death, and resurrection full and free forgiveness is offered to everyone to be received by faith through the power of the Holy Spirit. Those who die in **unbelief** will suffer eternal damnation in hell. Those who **believe** by God's grace, trusting in Jesus Christ as their Savior, can be sure, after they die, that they will live forever with God in heaven.

Pastor Brechbuhl

### The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

LCMS Stewardship Ministry – Define Your Life by How You Give

Winston Churchill reportedly said that "we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." According to Churchill, our lives are defined not by what we have gotten, but by what we give away. Our Lord's life is defined in this way. He gave completely of Himself for us. He became man for us. He taught the truth of God's Word. He healed those with many and various diseases. He died the death that we deserved for our sins. He gave of Himself in order to save us from sin, death and hell. And so it is that by giving completely of Himself, He got for Himself us, making us citizens of His eternal kingdom by grace. As it was for Jesus, so it also is for us. We get more from giving than we do from simply getting. For giving softens our hearts and frees us from the grip which the worries of this world and making a living has on us. For when we are singularly focused on making a living, we are singularly focused on what we get. That mindset begins to bleed into all areas of our lives — our relationships with friends and family, with neighbors and coworkers, and with the Lord. It shifts our focus from asking the question, "How can I be a friend,

family member, neighbor and servant to others,” to asking the question, “What have they done for me lately?” We become more selfish instead of selfless. But when we give, we do not have less, we do not become less; rather, we have more and be-come more. When we give, we join in the bond of friendship and family, the bond of service to those around us out of love for them. And love is the fulfillment of the Law. It is the nature of God Himself, for God is Love. Thus, we are participating in the divine nature. As Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35). – LCMS Stewardship Ministry: [lcms.org/stewardship](http://lcms.org/stewardship)

## SEPTEMBER BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

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|------------------------------|--------|
| CROW, ABBY E.                | 1-Sep  |
| BEARD, Madisen P.            | 4-Sep  |
| DAVIDSMEYER, Lennox P.       | 4-Sep  |
| LOVEKAMP, Shawn M.           | 4-Sep  |
| BRUNE, Amy M.                | 5-Sep  |
| DAY, Carl S.                 | 6-Sep  |
| DOYLE, Molly M.              | 6-Sep  |
| WHEELER, Dora K. (Dorrie)    | 6-Sep  |
| STINSON, Kayleigh N.         | 7-Sep  |
| PETERSON, Brynli             | 9-Sep  |
| GEHRKE, AJ E.                | 10-Sep |
| MCKEE, Roberta L.            | 10-Sep |
| GEHRKE, Darin R.             | 11-Sep |
| LEISCHNER, Lauren M.         | 12-Sep |
| MILLER, Tina M.              | 12-Sep |
| MONROE, David A.             | 12-Sep |
| MONROE, James C. (Clint)     | 12-Sep |
| TOMHAVE, Ashlyn              | 12-Sep |
| WERRIES, Ruth A.             | 12-Sep |
| ARING, Martha I.             | 15-Sep |
| HADDEN, Blake W.             | 16-Sep |
| PATE, Jennifer L.            | 16-Sep |
| WELCH, Kaitlyn E.            | 16-Sep |
| HILSABECK, Abigail R. (Abby) | 17-Sep |
| STUCKER, Jeremy C.           | 17-Sep |
| PRATT, Tyler A.              | 18-Sep |
| GEERS, DAVID                 | 19-Sep |
| GEERS, KEALONI               | 19-Sep |
| HASCHEMEYER, Matilda L.      | 19-Sep |
| WITHEE, Adam R.              | 19-Sep |
| SCHAEFER, Reid I.            | 20-Sep |
| STRUBBE, Cheryl E.           | 20-Sep |

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|-----------------------------|--------|
| BEZLER, Steven C.           | 21-Sep |
| BOEHS, Kenneth P.           | 21-Sep |
| METCALF, Cheyenne K.        | 21-Sep |
| WANKEL, Michael R. (Mike)   | 21-Sep |
| MAYBERRY, Jordan D.         | 22-Sep |
| MAYBERRY, Samuel Q. (Quinn) | 22-Sep |
| TOMHAVE, Caroline           | 23-Sep |
| WARNECK, Robbe L.           | 23-Sep |
| BARROW, Alyssa L.           | 24-Sep |
| CLAUSSEN, Patricia L.       | 24-Sep |
| DERTZ, Griffin M.           | 24-Sep |
| MOORE, Charles A. (Chuck)   | 24-Sep |
| SALCIDO, Amanda R.          | 25-Sep |
| TENDICK, Ryan S.            | 25-Sep |
| SNIDER, Daniel C.           | 26-Sep |
| SHIREMAN, Pamela S.         | 27-Sep |
| HAWORTH, Joyce D.           | 28-Sep |
| LASHMET, Maxine J.          | 29-Sep |
| MAGELITZ, Jessica S.        | 29-Sep |
| JARMAN, Carol S.            | 30-Sep |

## CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

**SWADDLING CLOTHES-** WILL BE OPEN SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> FROM 12:30 – 2:30 PM. PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH ANYONE YOU KNOW MAY BENEFIT FROM THIS SERVICE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO ASSIST DURING A MONTHLY SHOPPING DAY, PLEASE CONTACT DEACONESS LINDA STRUBBE

**IN SYMPATHY:** John Wm. “Bill” Davidsmeyer of Springfield passed away on Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at his residence. Bill married Correne Kraemer on July 1, 1950, and she preceded him in death on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021. Bill is survived by two daughters, Diann Davidsmeyer of Columbus, IN and Darcy (Ray Morin) Davidsmeyer, of Naples, FL; two grandsons, Ryan (Barbara) Davidsmeyer and Michael (Kelsey) Davidsmeyer, both of Jacksonville; and four grandchildren, Colton, Emrick, Teddy, and Margaret. He was preceded in death by two sons, Richard William Davidsmeyer and John Paul Davidsmeyer, and his adoptive mother, Norma Perbix Davidsmeyer. May the Lord Bless all those who mourn the loss of this loved one!

**IN SYMPATHY:** Gertrude “Trudy” Roegge, passed away Wednesday, July 10, 2023 at her residence. Trudy is survived by her husband Dr. George Roegge. She is also survived by four children; Niels (Claire) Herlevsen of Delray Beach, FL, Theresa (Marc Kahan) Herlevsen of Chicago, Michelle (Mark) Moeller and Bruce (Sara) Roegge, both of

Jacksonville; six grandchildren, Zachary Roegge, Benjamin Herlevsen, Gavin Roegge, Max Moeller, Griffini Roegge, and Jack Kahan; and numerous nieces and nephews including John Steen Lysholt and Jennifer Alvenes, both of Oslo, Norway. She was preceded in death by one sister, Dame Barbara Yvonne Petersen. A funeral service was held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at Salem Lutheran Church. Burial at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Arenzville. May the Lord Bless all those who mourn the loss of this loved one!

**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.

**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.

**DOORBELL DINNER VOLUNTEERS:** We are looking for volunteers for the upcoming doorbell dinners deliveries. Salem's next assigned week is September 4th through the 8th. If you can help, please contact Rita Tendick (217)473-5017.

**JAYDEN UPTON UPDATE:** 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.

**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"

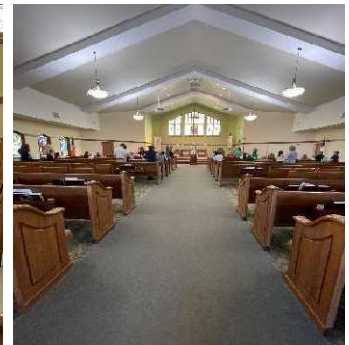
Group 4: "SHIR-ZIM" Dwayne Middendorf  
217-248-2091

Two Elders assisting Deacons: Larry Baker

(217)370-1480, Gerald Warcup (217)243-2620.

## SCHOOL NEWS

What a way to start a new school year! We are SO blessed to have 64 young people from ages 2 through the 8<sup>th</sup> grade joining us this year! We spent the summer preparing the school wing by cleaning, repurposing unused spaces and preparing for their arrival. Special thanks to Randy Tendick for leading the remodeling efforts! We had many hands that helped along the way. We invite you to come tour the school if you haven't been to see it in a while. It looks great! We started our first day with chapel and worshiping together as a family. Join us any time on Wednesdays at 8:30am. Continue to keep YOUR school in prayer as we nurture these young people.



### **PRESCHOOL 4, 3, and 2 Monthly News**

Monthly Theme: All About Me

Bible Story: Adam and Eve

Our classrooms will be learning new daily prayers and talking about the story of Adam and Eve this month! The bible tells us in Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go: And when he is old, he will not depart from it."

### **Preschool 4**



I'm so excited to be back and to see so many new faces! We have an amazing school year planned filled with fun learning hands-on experiences, engaging stories about Jesus, and parent/child field trips throughout the year! The month of August the students will be discussing, sharing, and creating masterpieces focusing on the theme: All About Me. Also, it is an opportunity for the students to make new friends, bond with their teachers, and adapt to their new schedules (drop-off, school time, and pick-up). In His Service,  
Mrs. Lysaythong

### **Preschool 3**



What a blessing it is to be back at Salem Lutheran this year. I am excited to have a new role as the 3k teacher in the morning and upper grades language arts/P.E teacher in the afternoon. One of my goals as a teacher is to make learning fun through sensory play, songs, stories, and repetition! I believe that happy students make happy parents! God Bless, Mrs. Petri

## Preschool 2



We are excited to be teaching the preschool 2 class at Salem Lutheran School! We look forward to seeing the progress of the students from the beginning to the end! Our goals for this year for the students are to be potty trained; learn simple routines, and recognition of their own name!

With Love, Ms. Sharrow, Ms. Hathaway

## Kindergarten News from Mrs. Audrey Sprinkel:

The first week of school is off to a great start! We are diving into learning in kindergarten, and have started learning about different math materials, such as, teddy bear counters and pattern blocks, and have been talking about what makes us special during reading. The students loved getting to go to the library for the first time this fall and checking out books to read in class and at home.

## 1st & 2nd Grade News from Mrs. Deborah

**Steinacher:** It is wonderful to be back at school again for another year! God has blessed us in so many ways. We have a wonderful mission to tell all of our students and their families about Jesus. We began our first week out learning that Jesus loves me this I know for the Bible tells me so. It was exciting to hear them tell each other that Jesus loves us all the time, at school, at church, at home, all the time! Then we learned that God loved us so much that He created the world and all that is in it. Then we spent a lot of time looking around us to admired some of those things. Then they drew lots of pictures to show how God blesses us every day by His creations. Thank you so much for your support! God's blessings.

## 3rd, 4th & 5th Grade News from Mrs. Jacqueline

**Steinacher:** Welcome back to another school year! For many of us, this time of year is met with challenges and some stressful moments. We have to take a step back and reflect on what makes this time of year so special. It is a time of new beginnings: new teachers, new classrooms, new students. It is a time of fellowship, as we connect with other teachers, our students, their parents, and

our church community. Through it all, I am reminded of why I became a teacher; and specifically, why I decided to join the Salem family. The community of Salem holds us together; and our faith in God is the glue that binds us. This year's theme is "Connected," and we are truly connected with each other through our faith in the Lord. I am excited to begin this journey with all of you, and hope to gain growth this year both professionally and spiritually. May God bless you as we navigate this journey together.

## 6th & 8th Grade News from Ms. Joy Reitsma:



Middle school is back in the swing of a new year. Along with academics, they have started again with their weekly visits to help at the food center. We look forward to a great year and graduating our 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

### OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP WORK PROGRAM

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

#### **CURRENT FINANCIAL INDEBTEDNESS**

| 7/31/22                           | 6/30/23      |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Farmers State Bank Line of Credit |              |
| \$122,900.20                      | \$0.00       |
| Internal Loan from Restricted     |              |
| \$63,725.00                       | \$0.00       |
| LEAP                              |              |
| \$677,802.80                      | \$624,254.39 |

#### **Financial Status Report for May 2023**

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|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Our total operating needs monthly: | \$ 51,874.82  |
| Our operating receipts June 2023:  | \$ 62,6585.43 |
| Our total operating needs YTD:     | \$570,143.72  |
| Our total operating receipts YTD:  | \$582,223.97  |
| Our Shortfall or Excess YTD:       | \$ 12,080.25  |

