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JUNE 2024 Newsletter

^{10b} [The LORD] preserves the lives of his saints;
he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

¹¹ Light is sown for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.

¹² Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!

Psalm 97:10b–12

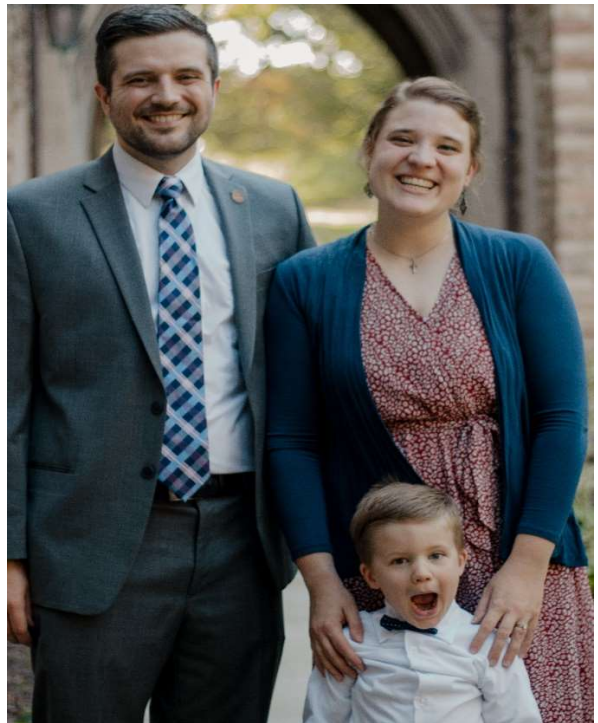
Greetings dear saints of Salem Lutheran Church and School. By the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, you have called me to serve as your pastor. Thanks be to God for you all and the marvelous work Jesus already has accomplished among you. What joy I have knowing that I will soon see the Word of God at work first-hand. We are so excited to join the Salem family.

Allow me to introduce myself here in brief. I was born in Elmhurst, Illinois to my Lutheran School Teacher parents in 1995; however, my father soon found his way to Concordia Seminary St. Louis. Both of my grandfathers, two of my uncles, and many of my cousins also studied there and serve(d) the church as pastors. Throughout my life, I've seen the pastoral task up close and personal. I've seen the great challenges, the tremendous wonders, and the personal suffering that pastors experience. Yet, even in the darkest and most difficult times, my relatives lived the words of James 1:2, counting even the worst trials of the evil one as joy. Yes, joy. The example of these faithful men inspired me to serve Christ's church. First, I taught English and Theology at the Lutheran High School of Kansas City. Then, the Lord led me to begin training to serve the church as a pastor. After four years of training, I am excited to begin serving as pastor of Salem.

Now, I'm not all that interesting. My wife and son are far more worthy of your attention. I met Mary at Concordia University Chicago (or "RF" as most still call it). We sang in the Kapelle choir together, and we were married after graduating in 2017. Mary taught 4th grade at Bethany Lutheran School for three years, and that ended with the arrival of our son Stephen and our move to the St. Louis Seminary in the Spring of 2020. That was a strange time to have your first child and move across a state. Stephen spent the first few months of his life being passed between parents as we sought to teach our 4th graders and high school students remotely for a month and a half.

Mary aspires above all to follow Jesus Christ, and the example she sets in our house encourages both Stephen and me in our faith. She reads her Bible each morning and reads Bible stories with Stephen. She prays, ponders, and dwells in the Word. Mary looks forward to serving Salem by joining women's groups, looking for small group Bible study opportunities, and perhaps joining or starting a book club. She'd love to hear from you if you were interested. Stephen loves the St. Louis Cardinals, trucks, coloring, playing baseball, eating quesadillas and tacos, the Green Bay Packers, and going to church. He is very excited to attend Salem's 4K this fall, and Mary and I are especially excited to be involved with the school.

This is already too long (I probably need an editor, or I'll never be allowed to write one of these again). I don't want to bore any of you too much, but I want to end with this. The Lord Jesus is faithful. He has sent me to you with purpose—purpose that we may never know or understand. Still, I am confident that He has great plans for us, Salem. I wonder what they are. I wonder what's about to happen here in Jacksonville. I can't wait to find out. Pastor-Elect Schultz



SALEM, YOU'VE BEEN MY JOY!

"For what is our joy before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you? For you are our joy!" (1 Thessalonians 2:9-20) The twenty-three years I had serving as your Pastor was a great joy to me! At my retirement, I assumed that that joy was completely in the past. But by God's grace, I've completed another two joyful years as your Vacancy Pastor! And now God has blest you with Pastor Jonah Schultz, his wife Mary, and son Stephen! May God give you all the great joy together in and through Christ, our Savior! Pastor Brechbuhl

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LCMS Stewardship Ministry – lcms.org/stewardship
Newsletter Article – June 2023

What Do You Want?

One of the best-known and most-beloved psalms is Psalm 23, the “Shepherd Psalm.” There we learn that the Lord is our Shepherd. And since He is our Shepherd, we will not want. We will not suffer want because the Lord, our Shepherd, will lead us to green pastures and beside still waters. In other words, the Lord, our Shepherd, will provide for all that we need in both body and soul.

Yet, we live as though this is not the case. We live as though we actually suffer from want, that the Lord, our Shepherd, will not provide for all that we need. And thus, we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd. And that means that we live as though we are not the Lord’s sheep.

When do we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd? When we put anything else before Him and His provision for us. When we think that going to work is more important than receiving His gifts in church on Sunday (in violation of the First and Third Commandments). When we fail to give generously of the first fruits of what the Lord has provided for us because we don’t know what the future will bring (even though He has promised that He will lead us to green pastures and still waters).

We live as though we are not the Lord’s sheep when we think that the Lord is only in the business of helping those who will help themselves. We act this way because our minds are set on earthly, temporal things and not on heavenly, eternal things. We act this way because we have stopped hearing the call of our Shepherd, which comes through His Word.

Through the Word of God, the Shepherd calls us to Himself. Through the Word, the Holy Spirit gathers and enlightens us with His gifts. Through the Word, we are kept holy and nourished in the one true faith, the faith that follows our Shepherd wherever He leads us. He promises to lead us to our true home, to the land flowing with milk and honey, to a better country, not of this world, but a heavenly one.

And so, here’s the Good News: the Lord is your Shepherd, even and especially for wayward sheep. For Jesus seeks and saves those who are lost. He finds the lost sheep and carries them back to the fold. He is the Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep. The Lord is your Shepherd. Let us live as His sheep.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org

Greetings in Christ

I would like to give you an update on Swaddling Clothes. We are starting our 18th month. We remained steady throughout last year. We averaged between 10 and 11 families assisted. each month. In April we attended a Community Baby Shower at Salvation Army in Jacksonville where we were able to assist nineteen families and tell them

about our program. We still need assistance in spreading the word about our program. If you know of individuals or groups who need assistance, please take some flyers, and distribute them.

In addition to being able to serve these families in our community, we were notified that we once again had been accepted for the LCMS Million Dollar Life Matching Grant. We were accepted for \$10,000 this year. We did receive the matching donations for that grant from the community and the congregation. Thank you for your monetary support!

The project that we hope to implement this year is to expand the sizes we offer in our program. We are going to increase the sizes we carry from toddler size 5T to children size 12. We will begin shopping for larger sizes soon. We hope to host a back-to-school shopping day in August for school-age children in addition to our regular shopping day.

I especially want to thank everyone who has supported Swaddling Clothes through donations and prayers. And thank you to everyone who assists with shopping days, preparing clothing, advertising, and maintenance.

I believe we can continue to make a difference to those in the community who need this service. If you wish to volunteer, you may contact me through the office. Thank you, Deaconess Linda Strubbe

JUNE

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

BOEHS, Marilyn A.	1-Jun
NOBIS, Libby	1-Jun
DAY, Gerald E.	3-Jun
DUNN, David L.	3-Jun
DUNN, Jeffery D.	3-Jun
FRANZ, Shayna A.	3-Jun
MORRIS, Shannon S.	3-Jun
PHELPS, Patricia A.	3-Jun
SURRATT, Todd E.	3-Jun
STRUBBE, Deborah A.	4-Jun
GEHRKE, CASHTON H.	6-Jun
TOMHAVE, Austin J.	6-Jun
VINCENT, Larry R.	6-Jun
GINDER, Linda K.	7-Jun
KORDING, Brian D.	8-Jun
MICHAEL, Norma M.	8-Jun
WELLENKAMP, Rodney	10-Jun
KORDING, Zachary A.	11-Jun
MOORE, Caeleb T.	11-Jun
OLIVER, Stephanie A.	12-Jun
PHEBUS, Charles E.	12-Jun
REITHER, Vera F.	12-Jun
DE FRISCO, Giovanni A.	13-Jun
SCHWARTZ, Stephen	14-Jun

GEHRKE, Ty R. 15-Jun
 HADDEN, Cody A. 15-Jun
 MAGELITZ, Robert D. 15-Jun
 MAGELITZ, Lucas A. 15-Jun
 VAUGHAN, Kathy 15-Jun
 DELONG Jr., William A. 16-Jun
 LAWSON, Nathaniel E. 16-Jun
 RUNYON, Brock E. 16-Jun
 ENGBRECHT, Ruth A. 18-Jun
 LAIR, Gabrielle N. 18-Jun
 MAGELITZ, Joshua R. 18-Jun
 MOELLER, Michelle L. 18-Jun
 VALENTINE, Jaiden C. 18-Jun
 TOMHAVE, Amanda M. 21-Jun
 WIEGAND, Ashton D. 21-Jun
 BUMGARNER, Ryan T. 23-Jun
 CHAPPELL, Amber K. 24-Jun
 GLAENZER, Matthew G. 24-Jun
 EVANS, John C. (Chris) 25-Jun
 MALINOFF, Gail 25-Jun
 MCFADDEN, Brandi N. 25-Jun
 MCFADDEN, Steven D. 25-Jun
 MCFADDEN, William C. 25-Jun
 SCOBBI, Jane A. 25-Jun
 TOMHAVE, John W. 25-Jun
 MAGELITZ, Sean E. 26-Jun
 NOBIS, Christopher R. 26-Jun
 HAWORTH, Adrian R. 27-Jun
 HAWORTH, Christian R. 27-Jun
 HAWORTH, Josephine 27-Jun
 STURGEON, Josalyn M. 27-Jun
 WELLENKAMP, John A. 27-Jun
 WELLENKAMP, Terry L. 27-Jun
 WILSON, Angel D. 27-Jun
 Steinacher, Brandon 28-Jun
 STEINACHER, Brandon 28-Jun
 HILSABECK, Samuel H. 30-Jun

KRAEMER DAVIDSMEYER. DIANN IS SURVIVED BY HER SISTER, DARCY (RAY MORIN) DAVIDSMEYER OF NAPLES, FLORIDA; TWO NEPHEWS, RYAN (BARBARA) DAVIDSMEYER AND MICHAEL (KELSEY) DAVIDSMEYER, BOTH OF JACKSONVILLE; TWO GREAT-NEPHEWS COLTON BARR AND EMRICK DAVIDSMEYER, AND TWO GREAT-NIECES TEDDY AND MARGARET DAVIDSMEYER ALL OF JACKSONVILLE. SHE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER PARENTS AND TWO BROTHERS, RICHAD, AND JOHN DAVIDSMEYER. A CELEBRATION OF LIFE WAS HELD ON FRIDAY, MAY 24TH IN COLUMBUS, BURIAL WILL BE AT DIAMOND GROVE CEMETERY, IN JACKSONVILLE TO BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE. MAY THE LORD BLESS THOSE WHO MOURN THE LOSS OF THIS LOVED ONE!

IN SYMPATHY: Shirley Lee Lawson of Winchester passed away Tuesday, May 21st in Winchester. Shirley is survived by her sons Dr. Randall (Mary Anne) Lawson of Jacksonville; Mark (Laurie) Lawson of South Jacksonville; Kirby (Michelle) Lawson of Winchester; Todd (Molly) Lawson of Maui, HI; MG(R) Tim (Connie) Lawson of Colorado Springs, CO, and her brother James (Glenda) Engel of Energy, IL. Thirteen grandchildren; Naomi (Josh) Du Lac, Nate (Sara) Lawson, Cody (Ashely) Lawson, Justin (Stacy) Lawson, Trevor Lawson (Tori Keller), Morgan (Casey) Evans, Kristopher Meyers, Mischaela (Tyler) Aring, Kaitlyn (Nick) Davidson, Andrew Lawson, Alex Lawson, Elyse (Andreas) Lawson-Overgaard & Allison Lawson. Thirteen great grandchildren: Elijah & Caleb DuLac; Caroline and Nolan Lawson; Jack Lawson; Aiden Myers; Brynn & Owen Evans; Tucker, Ada and Maverick Aring; Bentley & Kinsley Davidson. Preceding her in death, Husband; Ken Lawson, sisters; Barbara Engel, Phyllis Rhodes, Sharon Grieco and a brother Gehrig Engel. Funeral service was held, Saturday, May 25th at Christ Lutheran Church in Winchester. Burial in the Winchester City Cemetery. May the Lord Bless all who mourn the loss of this Loved One!

WORSHIP/PREACHING SCHEDULE

DATE	PASTOR	THEME
June 2	Schurb	Pentecost 2
June 9	Brechbuhl	Pentecost 3
June 16, 9 am	Schultz	Pentecost 4 Rev. Schultz is the father of Jonah Schultz.
June 16, Afternoon 3:30 pm	Moore, Schultz	Ordination & Installation of Seminarian Schultz by Pres. Moore

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

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.

THANK YOU: Martha Aring wants to thank Salem Lutheran Church members for all the cards and best wishes for her 90th Birthday!

IN SYMPATHY: DIANN RUTH DAVIDSMEYER OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, PASSED AWAY WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2024, AT BELMONT HEALTH AND REHABILITATION IN COLUMBUS. DIANN, THE DAUGHTER OF JOHN WM. "BILL" AND CORRENE D.

HUGE THANK YOU: Salem Lutheran School would like to shout out a huge THANK YOU! to everyone who attended our Fine Arts Celebration and Graduation. We, the school, are so blessed to have

all of you to support, love and participate with us. We truly are blessed and want you to know how we love you. We are looking forward to the summer and are working on resting up and getting ready for a successful school year upcoming. Please know that we are very grateful for all that you do for us. Thank you and have a safe summer. See you next fall. Salem Lutheran School.

DOORBELL DINNERS THANK YOU: to our faithful Salem volunteers who delivered Doorbell Dinners during the week of April 29 – May 3. The following represented Salem Lutheran Church in our response to answering the call to serve those in the Jacksonville community who cannot help themselves - Laretta Scheller, Elaine Jarman, Lucille Hannel, Danny Magelitz, Dan and Karen Engebrecht, Joanne Campbell, Ruth Werries, Linda Strubbe, Joy Reitsma, and the junior high students (Alisia. Antemate, Sophia Robinson, Alex Baker, and Phoenix Dertz). Our next assigned week is September 2-6. Call Rita Tendick at 217-473-5017 to volunteer.

INGATHERING: The Ladies Guild is having an ingathering for the St. Louis Seminary Food Bank. During June we collect monetary gifts for the seminary to assist with replenishing their food bank. On Sunday, June 2, you will find envelopes and a donation box in the Narthex. You may place your donation in the box, mail or drop it off to the office prior to June 30th. As always, the seminary students appreciate your generous gifts to assist them while they are preparing for the ministry. Thank you!

GREETERS WANTED: The Evangelism committee is looking for volunteers to be Greeters at the Sunday morning Worship Service. You will need to be here by 8:30 am. If you would be interested, please contact Paul Reither, (217)-248-0550 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.

COMMITTEES: We are looking for individuals to be on our committees. We have several committees that are in need of adding to the committee. If you would like to join a committee, please talk with David Hannel. He will provide you with the available committees and what openings Salem has. Please be a part of the solution at Salem. 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

SCHOOL NEWS

NEWS FROM PRINCIPAL JOY REITSMA: May brings us to the close of another school year. We had Fine Arts Night where the students were able to showcase their artistic talents. Each child had a framed piece of artwork ready to be purchased and taken home to be hung up. They also were part of the original play *Mission Calling*. They all did an excellent job sharing the ways that the Lord can call you to serve. We also celebrated with our 4K students as they graduated from preschool. We celebrate with our 8th graders as they graduate from their years of elementary/middle school and move to high school. What a blessing for the entire family at Salem Lutheran Church and School to be able to celebrate together in worship over these young people. We wish them the Lord's richest blessings as they move on to this next exciting phase in life. As we say hello to summer, we look forward to a slower, more relaxing pace to recharge and prepare for the next school year.



PRESCHOOL Pre-K2 News from Ms. Wilson:

Learning Focus: Summer Fun

Bible Story: Jonah and the Whale. We are counting to 15, we know our colors and most of our 2-d shapes. We are learning that Jesus knows what's best for us and we should do what he asks the first time he asks. We have been quite busy with art projects and fun science experiments this last month. From making storms in a jar, to planting flowers, to tie dying shirts with ice cubes- prek 2 has been having a blast. We are ready for fine arts night, our field trip, the field day picnic and making our own ice cream! Thank you for a fun filled school year and I cannot wait to see you in August!





proud of their accomplishments this year. Wishing all our students and their families the very best as they embark on their next journey!



PRESCHOOL Pre-K3 News from Ms. Martin:

Pre-K 3 Ms. Christy Martin Pre-K 3 has been focusing on the letters V, W, X, Y, & Z, the numbers 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, & 20. Our Bible story is the Jonah & the Whale. Learning about what it means to follow God and listen to his guidance, as well as working to teach other Gods word and that when you do, he does give second chances. Our learning focus is summer fun and all the things that have to do with it. Discussing a lot about nature and all that grows and comes out in the summer and the fun things to do in the summer. The kids have been excited practicing the school play and are ready to perform it for all to see. Also, the kids enjoyed coloring and designing their 'stained glass' window for our framed art to be purchased at the Fine Arts night. Our class collected 79 pounds of non-perishable food items for the Jacksonville Area Community Food Center as our giving back to the community lesson with sharing our wealth with those that are less fortunate. It has been a pleasure teaching this Preschool 3 class and I look forward to it for many years to come.

PRESCHOOL Pre-K4 Mrs Lysaythong:

Monthly Theme: Summer Fun; Bible Story: Jonah and the Whale. The story of Jonah and the Whale teaches children vital lessons. They learn about obedience to God's commands, realizing the consequences of disobedience. Jonah's journey highlights repentance, forgiveness, and trusting in God's plan, even in uncertainty. The tale underscores God's mercy and compassion, showing His love and readiness to forgive. Children also grasp personal responsibility, seeing how actions affect others. Finally, Jonah's courage inspires them to face challenges with faith. Overall, the story imparts wisdom on obedience, repentance, trust, forgiveness, responsibility, courage, and God's enduring love. In May, our students delved into exciting summer themes, exploring ocean life, gardening, and beach fun. They studied sea creatures, their habitats, and unique features, creating vibrant starfish artworks and assembling flowerpots for Mother's Day gifts. During Teacher Appreciation Week, my colleagues and I were touched by the thoughtful gifts, cards, flowers, and a delicious homemade breakfast. Being part of the Salem Lutheran School family fills me with gratitude. Our PK4 students celebrated a milestone with a graduation ceremony, performing songs in English, Mandarin, and Spanish. They received diplomas from Ms. Reitsma and we celebrated with a potluck. As the school year draws to a close, our students continue to excel in reading, writing, and numeracy. I am confident they're more than prepared for kindergarten, and I am immensely

Kindergarten News from Mrs. Audrey Sprinkel:

Happy May! We are coming to the end of the school year, but kindergarten is still full of learning and fun! We have been studying endangered animals and space in reading. In science, we are also learning about space and the planets in our solar system! In social studies we are continuing to talk about our personal history! In math, we have been reviewing our math skills to prepare for 1st grade! We are reviewing time, addition, and subtraction on a number line, and counting to 100. In religion, we are talking about how we can share The Word with others as we leave school for the summer, and how we can serve others as a way to minister to people in the community. As the year winds down, students are working on a play for Fine Arts Night on May 16th. Students have worked hard to prepare for their parts, and have been working on paintings, drawings, and more for our art sale to raise money for art supplies. Fine Arts Night starts at 6pm and we would love to see everyone there! Thank you for your continued support and prayer! God Bless!

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

May has been an exciting month! It is time to try to finish up as many projects as possible. We added pictures to our writing binders. They loved sharing their own stories with their classmates. They

also enjoyed looking back through their art portfolio at all the projects we have done this year. We made so many different pieces of artwork! We also took two field trips in May. We went to Bowl Inn in Jacksonville. It was a wonderful way for the class to celebrate the end of another terrific school year. We also went to Decatur for a day of outdoor learning and lots of hands-on learning. We went to Scovill Zoo and got to see a variety of animals. We have studied several animals this year in school. It was exciting to see so many of God's creatures. We also went to the Children's Museum. The museum is filled with activities ranging in learning about motion, our skeleton, theater, bubbles, and so much more. Have a wonderful week! God's blessings.

3rd, 4th & 5th Grade News from Mrs. Jacqueline Steinacher: As the school year ends, I am reminded of how blessed I am to be a teacher here at Salem. It is amazing to see the students' progress throughout the year, and to think of how far we have come as a class. We look forward to spending the last few school days together, playing games, having fun, worshipping God, all the while still doing a little bit of learning. Thank you to all the supporters of our school for helping us learn and grow. Together, we are raising the next generation of young Christians who will become leaders one day. God's Blessings, Mrs. Steinacher.

6th & 8th Grade News from Ms. Joy Reitsma: That's a wrap! What a year it has been! From our in-class learning such as chicken wing dissections to our trips outside the classroom, our middle school students sure did learn a lot! We came, we saw, we learned, we're tired, let summer begin!

<u>WORK PROGRAM</u>	
Fiscal Year 8/31/2023 – 07/31/2024	
(From 8/31/2022 Treasurer's Report)	
CURRENT FINANCIAL	
INDEBTEDNESS	
7/31/23	3/31/2024
Farmers State Bank Line of Credit	
\$0.00	\$15,000.00
Internal Loan from Restricted	
\$63,725.00	\$0.00
LEAP	
\$677,802.80	\$521,861.32
Financial Status Report for	
March, 2024	
Our total operating needs monthly:	
	\$ 59,549.42
Our operating receipts March 2024:	
	\$ 89,306.85
Our total operating needs YTD:	
	\$517,453.12
Our total operating receipts YTD:	
	\$498,219.77
Our Shortfall or Excess YTD:	
	\$(19,233.35)