

Salem Lutheran
Church and School

Jacksonville, IL 62650 | 217-243-3419
salemjax.net | salemjaxschool.net

JULY 2024

Newsletter



Why Do We Have a School?

Even before I was installed at Salem as your pastor, I kept hearing different questions about our school. “Why do students keep leaving?” “Who will we have as teachers this year?” “How are we going to turn things around?” These are good questions. The trouble is, I still don’t think I can answer them. And please, cut me some slack here, I haven’t been around all that long yet. Since I can’t yet answer the questions I keep hearing rumbling around our church, school, and community, I’d rather answer a different question: Why do we have a school?

When Salem started its school in 1859, it was for two reasons. First, teach the German kids in town how to speak German. Second, and more importantly, to teach these kids the faith—to let these children come to Jesus Christ. For 165 years, Salem has taught the Word of God to children. We don’t teach much German these days, but we continue that essential tradition. We teach Christ crucified and risen for the salvation of everyone that believes. Salem Lutheran School still exists today because Jesus Christ rose from death and the world needs to know. Our children need to know.

In its early years, our school taught German to the children of German immigrants to preserve some sense of culture and a home they left behind. Today, I see a strange parallel emerging. The culture we swim in no longer supports the Gospel. Rather, our culture seems to keep finding new, wicked lies to pervert our imaginations. Thanks be to God, most of you reading this today discern these lies and reject the pleasure obsession in our culture. But even mature and lifelong Christians find themselves falling in love with this world, clinging to the perishable things rather than the imperishable. The promises of Christ are laid aside to chase fickle feelings. And in such a world—in this time and place—how can we leave the faith formation of our children to an hour or two on Sundays?

Salem started its school for the sake of its cultural heritage and its heritage of faith. Now, as a church, we continue this work of educating our children for their heritage and inheritance—the eternal life won for them in Christ Jesus. No greater purpose could be imagined. And no other school in Jacksonville will proclaim Christ

like we will. Jesus will be known through our work together for our children.

When it comes to those other questions I mentioned earlier, I’m starting to think I don’t need to worry so much about them. They matter. They’re important, of course. But I’m not concerned. I’m praying to the Lord Jesus and entrusting Him with the future of our church and school. I invite you to do the same. Commit our work unto the Lord in prayer. Let’s see what He does.
Pastor Schultz

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

LCMS Stewardship Ministry – lcms.org/stewardship
Newsletter Article – July 2024

The Rewards of Godliness

It’s no secret that you can’t bribe your way into heaven. No amount of good works will impress God enough to open heaven’s door for their sake. “For the wages of sin is death” (Rom. 6:23) and the person who “keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it” (James 2:10). Rather, salvation is “the free gift of God ... in Christ Jesus” (Rom. 6:23).

So, your good works won’t earn you the reward of heaven. But does that mean that there are no rewards at all? Consider what the Small Catechism says in the “Close of the Commandments”:

What does God say about all these commandments?

He says, “I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments.” (Ex. 20:5–6)

What does this mean?

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands. (SC II)

God promises to bless you in keeping His commandments. What might these blessings be? Well, consider what Paul says about keeping the Fourth Commandment: “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ‘Honor your father and mother’ (this is the first commandment with a promise), ‘that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land’” (Eph. 6:1–3).

And think about what your life would be like if you went around stealing (breaking the Seventh Commandment), telling lies about people (breaking the Eighth Commandment), and generally being cruel to those around you (breaking all the commandments!).

That is obviously not a blessed way to live. In fact, you'd be miserable living that way.

And Jesus says more about what is in store for those who make sacrifices for His sake: "Jesus said to them, 'Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for My name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life'" (Matt. 19:28-29).

So don't grow impatient in doing good. Follow the Lord who has freely given you everlasting life.

JULY BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

GAIGE, Jill L.	1-Jul
NIX, Samuel	1-Jul
SHERRILL, Stephan W.	1-Jul
STEINACHER, Jacqueline A.	1-Jul
TENDICK, Rita	1-Jul
GINDER, Kristopher D.	2-Jul
POORE, Charley	2-Jul
SCHNITKER, Jovi	2-Jul
WHITE, Lori K.	2-Jul
FLEMING Jr., Edward J.	3-Jul
MALCOTT, Sara	4-Jul
BECK, Jennifer E.	5-Jul
DE FRISCO, Krista M.	5-Jul
CARLS, Yvonne I. (Bonny)	6-Jul
MAGELITZ, Brian E.	6-Jul
SLAVENS, Jane A.	6-Jul
STOCKER, Eldon W.	6-Jul
ARING, Richard L.	7-Jul
SIMMONS, Ellen L.	7-Jul
ARING, Richard N. (Nathan)	8-Jul
MAGELITZ, Ashton B.	8-Jul
SCHAEFER, Rowan	8-Jul
OLIVER, Christopher J.	9-Jul
VEDDER, Cody L.	10-Jul
VEDDER, Ryan F.	10-Jul
DOLEN, Alexandra A.	11-Jul
EDDINGER, Nicole K.	11-Jul
HYMES, Samantha N.	11-Jul
MATHIS, Andrew	11-Jul
MATHIS, Noah	11-Jul
MOWRY, Polly A.	12-Jul
STRUBBE, Larry G.	12-Jul
HAVENS, Angela K.	13-Jul
DOLEN, Cassandra L.	14-Jul
PHEBUS, Jennifer L.	14-Jul
MAGELITZ, Zachary L.	16-Jul
WHITE, KayeLeigh L.	16-Jul

GARMAN, Christopher A.	17-Jul
LEISCHNER, Matthew A.	19-Jul
KARR, Grant R.	20-Jul
MAGELITZ, Heather M.	20-Jul
MAGELITZ, Trystan J.	20-Jul
VALENTINE, Jessie N.	21-Jul
Massey, HALLIE	23-Jul
GARRETT, Nicole R.	24-Jul
WELCH, Kirstyn N.	24-Jul
MAGELITZ, John A.	25-Jul
MIDDENDORF, Vicki L.	25-Jul
ROEGGE, George A.	25-Jul
STRUBBE, Scott E.	25-Jul
REITHER, Paul	26-Jul
SCHUMACHER, Ruthie E.	26-Jul
HILL, Robert W. (Wayde)	27-Jul
DETZ, Debra A. (Debbie)	28-Jul
DOLEN, Rodney	29-Jul
POCKLINGTON, Lucas D.	29-Jul
STEINACHER, Levi A.	29-Jul
HADDEN, Gary L.	30-Jul
HAYNES, Kiera M.	30-Jul
STUBBLEFIELD, Darlene	30-Jul
GAIN, Luther E.	31-Jul

IN SYMPATHY: Barbara M. McDaniels of Meredosia passed away Thursday, June 6th at the Scott County Nursing Center in Winchester. Barbara is survived by her three children, Carol (Larry) Baker and Walter (Patty) McDaniels both of Meredosia, and Robert (Lorraine) McDaniels of Galeton, PA. Barbara is also survived by 10 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren: one great-great grandson and one great-great granddaughter on the way. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Thomas, granddaughter, Lindsey McDaniels, a grandson, Thomas John McDaniels; two great granddaughters, Skyyla Jones and River Jackson; a daughter-in-law, Elsa McDaniels; and her brother, Arthur Rylance. Funeral service was held on Tuesday, June 11th at Buchanan & Cody Funeral Home in Meredosia, with burial at Oakland Cemetery. May the Lord bless all who mourn the loss of this Loved One!

IN SYMPATHY: Elinor Jennice Vieira passed away June 12th here in Jacksonville. Elinor is survived by her children: David Vieira, Trena Vieira, Dessa (Bruce) Surratt, Anthony (Amy) Vieira, Kenneth (Elea) Vieira and Jacob Vieira. Grandchildren, David, Megan, Chris, Kristoffer, Michael, Stacia, Sydney, Lucas, Tania, Elijah and Alexandra and 17 great-grandchildren. Elinor was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Wilbur and eldest son David, siblings Dale (Barbara surviving) Wooldridge and Wayne (Ethel) Woolridge. May the Lord bless those who mourn the loss of this Loved One!

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.

DOORBELL DINNERS: Our next assigned week is September 2-6. Call Rita Tendick at 217-473-5017 to volunteer.

LOOKING FOR A SECOND CAR: Pastor Schultz is in the process of looking to buy a second car. If you know of someone that has a good used car for sale, please give the information to Pastor Schultz. 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 need adding to the committee. If you would like to join the committee, please talk with Kevin Eckhoff. 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

MORGAN COUNTY FAIR BOOTH VOLUNTEERS:

Salem Lutheran Church and School will be having a booth at the Morgan County Fair. We are looking for volunteers to help. The fair begins on Tuesday, July 9th and ends on Sunday, July 14th. We have two shifts available first 4 pm to 7 pm and second 7 pm to 10 pm. If you can help, please sign the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Thank you for considering helping us.

"The First Commandment places our children and descendants under God's protection and providence, as God himself says, "I show mercy to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments" [Exod. 20:6]. We ought rightfully to believe these exalted and comforting words of the Divine Majesty. Though our faith be weak, we nevertheless rely on God's honor that he can and will do what he says and promises."

- Martin Luther

THANK YOU TO SALEM: Thank you for your gifts and many acts of kindness during my vacancy. May the Lord greatly bless you through Pastor Schultz and his family. Pastor Brechbuhl

THANK YOU: Randy and Mary Anne Lawson, Kirby and Michelle Lawson and Tyler and Mischaela Aring and the rest of the Lawson family would like to express their appreciation for all the prayers, and other support offered by Salem members at the death of our Mother and Grandmother, Shirley Lawson who went to be with her Lord and Savior on May 21st. She lives on in our heart, but your actions helped make her passing a little easier to bear. Thank You!

THANK YOU: We would like to thank everyone at Salem for all the support given to us at the loss of Robert Morris. To the Salem Ladies, thank you for the dinner. It was delicious. To everyone that sent cards, telephone calls, visits and memorials, they are greatly appreciated. We are very gracious for all the above. Thank you, The Robert Morris Family.

LFL STATE CONFERENCE: Lutherans for Life is hosting a State Conference on August 24th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Eureka, IL. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending. Information and registration forms are in the narthex. Thank you!

SWADDLING CLOTHES – is looking for a volunteer who can assist between shopping days with package diapers, displaying donated or purchased items, and preparing for the shopping days. Please contact Deaconess Linda Strubbe if you are available to assist. Thank you

SCHOOL NEWS

ENROLLING FOR 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR: The 2024-2025 school year is fast approaching. We have openings and we are looking to enroll more students. We have lots to offer and are willing to sit down with you and discuss the opportunities we have. If you know of anyone looking for a school with lots of opportunities, small classrooms, and one-on-one teaching, please send them our way. Please have them call for a tour, Salem Lutheran School is a great place. (217)243-3419 Thank you.

WORK PROGRAM

Fiscal Year 8/31/2023 – 07/31/2024

(From 8/31/2022 Treasurer's Report)

CURRENT FINANCIAL INDEBTEDNESS

7/31/23	4/30/2024
Farmers State Bank Line of Credit	
\$0.00	\$0.00
Internal Loan from Restricted	
\$63,725.00	\$0.00
LEAP	
\$621,483.94	\$501,766.65

Financial Status Report for April, 2024

Our total operating needs monthly:	\$ 59,549.42
Our operating receipts April 2024:	\$ 51,427.95
Our total operating needs YTD:	\$586,665.03
Our total operating receipts YTD:	\$566,897.72
Our Shortfall or Excess YTD:	\$(19,767.31)