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Newsletter

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Whose Is It Anyway?

If you have ever bought or sold a house, you are acquainted with the concept of a “title search.” Before you can sell your house, and before anyone else will feel comfortable putting down the money to buy it, you have to prove that you really own it. So a title company looks through the public records to ensure that you bought it from the person who really owned it, who bought it from the person who really owned it before that, all the way back to the earliest records of your state, including when your state was only a territory or colony of England. Peak into a preschool classroom during playtime and you’ll see a simplified version of this. A child starts playing with a ball, but another child says, “That’s mine: I had it first.” You can’t understand the Seventh Commandment without understanding this concept of ownership or title. As the Small Catechism puts it: You shall not steal. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor’s money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income. Your neighbor’s possessions are his: you don’t have a right to take them. And likewise, your possessions are yours. Ownership and property rights are foundational to any functioning society. But there is something deeper to know about ownership, and that is the question of who has the title and ownership to you? Paul says, “Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price” (1 Cor. 6:19–20). If you yourself are owned by God, then of course everything that you own, you really only possess by God’s leave: all of it, at bottom, belongs to Him since you belong to Him. For you were bought with the blood of Christ. This notion is the foundation of all Christian stewardship. It all belongs to God. It should all be used for things that bring honor to His name, blessings to our neighbors and the extension of His kingdom.

APRIL

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

CAMPBELL, Jack K.	1-Apr
KIESEL, Collin J.	1-Apr
NIX, Joseph	1-Apr
STRUBBE, Keith L.	1-Apr
SULLIVAN, Shyanne R.	1-Apr
WARCUP, Gerald W.	1-Apr
WELLENKAMP, Evelyn K.	1-Apr
GEHRKE, Eden L.	2-Apr
MATHIAS, Cody M.	2-Apr
MOLOHON, Dustin L.	2-Apr
NOBIS, Lakin	2-Apr
ARING, Melissa A.	3-Apr
DOLEN, Jocelyn M.	3-Apr
NOBIS, Byron L.	4-Apr
CARLSON, DEBRA A.	5-Apr
JARMAN, Dennis L.	5-Apr
SLAVENS, Monte	5-Apr
BAILEY, Mary A.	6-Apr
CHRISTEN, Brenda J.	6-Apr
ENGEBRECHT, Danny L.	6-Apr
LEUTZ, Dawn M.	6-Apr
MILLER, Joseph E.	6-Apr
MORRIS, Deborah A. (Deby)	6-Apr
PENNELL, Dessa E.	6-Apr
RUNYON, Judith A. (Judy)	6-Apr
VIEIRA, Trena S.	6-Apr
HADDEN, Dale B.	7-Apr
SCHONE, Karmy L.	7-Apr
BEZLER, Lauren E.	8-Apr
EVANS, Doris E.	8-Apr
CHUMLEY, Shelby A.	9-Apr
ERIXON, Dillon T.	9-Apr
VEDDER, Vicky A.	9-Apr
FAIRFIELD, Kevin J.	10-Apr
GILLIS, Dorothy H.	10-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
WOHLERS, Ralph A.	16-Apr
HENDERSON, Jane M.	17-Apr
MICHAEL, Gerald W. (Mike)	17-Apr
Schultz, Stephen J.	17-Apr
THIES, Luca E.	17-Apr
MAYBERRY, Helen I.	18-Apr
LAWSON, Randall E.	19-Apr
MONROE, David J.	19-Apr
WITHEE, Jessica M.	19-Apr
DELONG, Sharon L.	20-Apr
LEDBETTER, Hilary A.	20-Apr
SURRATT, Jaye H.	20-Apr
CAMPBELL, Wanda K.	21-Apr
EYER, Judith K.	21-Apr
BRADLEY Jr., Donald W.	22-Apr
WILSON, Isabella R.	22-Apr
ELLIOTT, George W.	23-Apr
RUNYON, Faith J.	23-Apr
WIEGAND, Dana L.	23-Apr
TOMHAVE, Chase M.	24-Apr
PRICE, Hank	25-Apr
PRICE, ZEKE E.	25-Apr
WILLIAMS, Pamela J. (Pam)	25-Apr
FRAZIER, Connar M.	26-Apr
GANT, Lakin E.	26-Apr
LAWRENCE, Breaun N.	26-Apr
SCULLEY, Joseph E.	26-Apr
HILSABECK, Margaret M. (Molly)	27-Apr
RYALS, Savannah R.	28-Apr
HANNEL, Lucille M.	29-Apr
SCHUMACHER, Kyle M.	29-Apr

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

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

PIZZA ORDERS: Salem students are selling pizzas again! Orders are due by Monday, March 31st with any checks payable to Salem PTL. All orders will be delivered by April 10th and must be picked up the same day due to limited freezer space. Spread the

word—tell friends and family, and don't forget to share on Facebook to keep the momentum going! We're counting on your support to make this a successful end-of-the-year fundraiser for our school!

SALEM LUTHERAN ANNUAL SPRING AUCTION:

The Salem Lutheran Annual spring auction will be held on April 5th. There will be a Spaghetti Dinner. Looking forward to spring and the Spring Auction festivities.

LWML CID MISSION GRANT #8:

Bible Storybooks for Ghana's Children - \$1,500. The mission field in Ghana is unique in that many Muslim children attend Lutheran grade schools to receive a quality education and 80% of the country's adults are illiterate. Ghanaian pastors want to use Lutheran books in that education. Funds would be sent to Lutheran Heritage Foundation for the translation and subsequent printing of 'A Child's Garden of bible Stories' and Luther's small catechism. How can I help? Pray that God provides uses these books to help the Ghana children and adults to become Christian. Support this grant by donating to your church's LWML group mite fund.

LENTEN SUPPERS:

Salem Lutheran will be having Lenten Suppers starting on Wednesday, March 5th. The Suppers will run from March 5th to April 9th each Wednesday. All Lenten Supper dates have been filled. Mealtime will be 5:30 pm and Church Service at 6:30 pm.

LOOKING FOR A KINDERGARTEN TEACHER:

Salem Lutheran School is seeking a faithful and passionate Kindergarten Teacher. We are looking for a dynamic teacher who is committed to fostering a Christ centered learning environment. An LCMS trained teacher, or an LCMS member is preferred but not necessary for this position. Please help our school in the search for this teacher: Encourage qualified applicants to apply. Pass along any leads to Salem office. Above all, pray that the Lord Jesus would send us the teacher we need to train up our students in the way they should go.

EASTER BREAKFAST!

What a wonderful way to start celebrating Easter! We will be serving Easter breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 20. We will be serving from 7:30-9:00 am. We will be serving biscuits and gravy, egg casserole, and sweet treats. If you would like to donate any sweet treats for Easter breakfast please bring them by the school cafeteria ahead of time. Please be sure to bring a friend. We are looking forward to seeing everyone! Thank you so much for helping us celebrate!

FRIENDSHIP BIBLE SCHEDULE:

Friendship Bible class is schedule is as follows: Monday, March 31st and April 14th at 6:00 pm

NEW BABY: Congratulations to Koert and Audrey Brown with their addition of a new baby girl, Birdie Eliza Brown; born, Thursday, March 13th weighing 8 lbs. and 14 oz. 20.5 inches long. Birdie joins big brother Carver. May the Lord bless this new addition and family.

ALTAR GUILD MEETING: There will be an Altar Guild Meeting on Saturday, April 12th 9:30-10:30 AM here at Salem. (Candles, Linens, and Communion Setup/Clean up) Please all plan on attending. Thank you.

COOKIE WALK DISHES: If you are missing some dishes from the cookie walk, please look at the stack of dishes and pans in the conference room. Please take, needing to get the counter cleaned off. Thank you

LOOKING FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE: Salem Lutheran Church and School is looking for administrative assistance to work in the office part-time. This position needs an energetic, people-orientated, computer-skilled individual, and some marketing skills, and lots of love for Salem. This position may have the potential to go full-time. If you would be interested in this position or know of someone who has the potential we are looking for, please contact the office or contact Pastor with the information so we can try and get a qualified individual for our position. Thank you

LUTHERAN WITNESS RENEWAL: If you currently have a subscription for the Lutheran Witness, it is time to renew. The subscription price is \$20.65 per year or \$1.72 per issue. If you would like to subscribe, please let the office know. This information needs to be in the office by April 30th. Thank you

SCRIPT 'GIFT' CARDS: In need of a 'gift card', please check in the office to see if we have the gift card that you need. We have the following gift cards: Amazon, Applebee's, Casey's, Dairy Queen, Dunkin Donuts, Home Depot, Shell, Starbucks, Walgreen's, Wal-Mart.

LENTEN SUPPERS

5:30 PM

April 2nd Dan & Karen Engebrecht
April 9th Evangelism

LENTEN CHURCH SERVICES

6:30 PM

April 2nd

April 9th

THOSE WHO **April, 2025**

LECTORS

April 6th

9:00 AM

Paul Reither

April 13th

9:00 AM

Roger Ward

April 20th

9:00 AM

Darin Gehrke

April 27th

9:00 AM

Rodney Dolen

SERVERS

April 6th

Dennis Jarman

Paul Reither

April 13th

Kyle Schumacher

Randy Lawson

April 17th

Dennis Jarman

Mike Krause

April 20th

Dennis Jarman

Danny Magelitz

April 27th

Kyle Schumacher

Randy Lawson

ORGANISTS

April 6th

9:00 AM

Bruce Engebrecht

April 13th

8:30 AM

Bruce Engebrecht

April 20th

9:00 AM

Bruce Engebrecht

April 27th

9:00 AM

Bruce Engebrecht

ALTAR GUILD

April 6th

9:00 AM – Setup & Cleanup

Setup – Lydia Mathis

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April 13th – Palm Sunday

9:00 AM – Setup & Cleanup

Setup – Audrey Brown

Cleanup – Monika Warcup,
Bonnie Gain

April 17th – Maundy Thursday

6:30 PM – Setup & Cleanup

Setup – Elaine Jarman

Cleanup – Elaine Jarman

April 18th – Good Friday

6:30 PM – Setup & Cleanup

Setup – Michelle Moeller

Cleanup – Michelle Moeller

April 20th

9:00 AM – Setup & Clean

Setup – Vicki Middendorf

Cleanup – Vicki Middendorf

April 27th

9:00 AM – Setup & Clean

Setup – Angie Havens

Cleanup – Angie Havens

CANDLES

Diana Monroe

RADIO TECHNICIAN

April 6th

Kevin Eckhoff

April 13th

Roger Ward

April 20th

Kevin Eckhoff

April 27th

Roger Ward

KEY MAN

March 30th – April 5th

Jay Wiegand

April 6th – 12th

Jay Surratt

April 13th 19th

Steve Bezler

April 20th – 26th

Robert Magelitz

April 27th – May 3rd

Dan Blanchette