



Salem Lutheran Weekly eNews 9/9/26—9/16/26

"To share the unconditional love of God in Jesus Christ with all people, and to serve God by serving others"

A reminder from my past.... perhaps a nudge for Salem's future ...

The postcard was bright pink and the headline banners were dark... IMPORTANT NOTICE, CONGRATULATIONS. It was addressed to the church and read in part:

"May I congratulate you on the upcoming 45th anniversary of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Inc. in 2003. It's an accomplishment you should be very proud of - but it's more than that. Your company's 45 years of experience is exactly what people look for when they are deciding to do business with you or not. That's why it's important for you to announce your success with the elegance and style of embossed anniversary seals..." And the letter went on.

It made me laugh. I am pretty certain folks aren't choosing to come to this congregation as a result of our 45 years of experience. I turned the card over and the words at the top of the page stopped me. The 4 most powerful words you can say about St. Luke's Lutheran Church are..."45 years of experience."

It made me think. I am pretty certain these are not the 4 most important words concerning our congregation.

As Salem looks to our future, I ask you to consider your response to the question:

What are the 4 most powerful words you can say about Salem Lutheran Church?

Let me know what you think.

Shalom, Pastor Deanna



I Love to Tell the Story Potluck

Join us for the "I Love to Tell the Story" Potluck!

Salem Lutheran isn't just a building; it is a collection of beautiful stories written by God through our shared commitment to this community. On October 4 following worship, we are gathering for a special story-driven potluck. Come hungry for great food, and ready to hear (and perhaps tell) great stories.

What to bring: Please bring a main dish, side, or dessert to share.

The Story Challenge: If your dish has a story (an old family recipe, a comfort food from a hard time, or something you make for celebrations), grab a label card at the door to share its history!

GriefShare® SUPPORT GROUP

At GriefShare, you'll find a safe, comforting place where you can talk with others about your grief. You'll find support, direction, and guidance on how to make it through. The next 13-week session begins September 16 at 6:00 pm in the library. Books are available in the office. If you have any questions, contact Bob Slind at (360)421-4306

Join Bonnie as she leads a study on Psalms. She will meet in the library Tuesdays at 11:00 am.

Below is the Zoom link for Tuesday's meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8470166768?pwd=NGRhU5GN09sdWZWb0UvcHQ1NEExdz09&omn=88349846475>





Thank you for your generosity!

Total August income was \$32,517.67
Total August expenses were \$28,836.51



Salem's new chairs.
Kid approved!!

Cub Scouts Join Nite

Thursday Sept 24th at 6pm here at Salem Lutheran Church. Boys and Girls grades K-5. Cubs participate in a huge array of activities with opportunities for growth.



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