



Our Vision:

To be a congregation of disciples proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all.

Our Mission:

To Glorify God in all that we do, reflecting His love to our community and the world.

PLAYGROUND NEWS!!

On Saturday June 28th the church playground got a thorough cleaning including placement of 14 cubic yards of new mulch. The effort was to help prepare for the Fellowship Summer bar-b-que held on July 6th. The grounds were weeded, oak tree trimmed, aged play toys recycled, and mulch placed. It was a well coordinated effort with all of the heavy work completed by 10:00 am so as not to disturb a planned wedding. Those attending got in a substantial workout but of course the real sweating was going on inside with the wedding party.

Thanks to the dedicated crew of Sean Rundle, Eric Schubert, Bill Rundle, and Ray Lien, and reinforcements Audrey Fetterhoff and Aaron Fetterhoff who all made it happen. A special thanks to Sean Rundle for volunteering to pick up the mulch which was no small task equaling 200 bags of material.

Scott Fetterhoff, Property & Building Committee

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8:00 A.M.

9:15 A.M.

10:30 A.M.

BIBLE SCHOOL

9:15 A.M.

AUGUST, 2008

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor.....Wayne Schmidt

Asst. Pastor.....Jefferson Cox

Minister of Music.....Jim Kuzman

Secretary.....Linda Magnuson

Grounds Keeper.....Ron Vasak

Dearly Beloved,

“For everything there is a season and a time for every matter....” Ecc. 3:1

Remember the song lyric, “it’s summertime and the livin’ is easy.” Because of God’s grace, which he bestows so abundantly upon us, our “living is easy.” No longer do we have to earn our salvation. Through Jesus Christ salvation comes to us as a free gift”. As Lutherans, we come to place a radical trust in our Lord-- that his word is true and his promises are sure. In response we live our lives as a thanksgiving to God. Freed from the concern of self-preservation, we are free to live for others.

Yes, “the living is easy” in all seasons. But that doesn’t mean it’s not hectic. As I write to you this message our Community Day Camp is in full swing. The place is hopping (and skipping and singing and learning and laughing and praising). Thursday night is the Day Camp Jamboree filled with skits and songs. Last night, was the Grief & Support Group for men. Tonight, I along with Pastor Jeff and several other congregational leaders will be meeting with Karen Sumner, a building consultant for the ELCA Mission Investment Fund. We will be entering into the initial stages of identifying and addressing our immediate and future needs for maintaining, remodeling and expanding our facility. The components for taking the next step in our developmental stage as a congregation are all present. All we have to do is place them in order and implement them in an action plan. It is a win, win situation. It will take a lot of work and at times it won’t be “easy” but it will be a lot of FUN! What greater joy is there than to glorify the Lord and proclaim his Gospel. For this is what we were created and redeemed for. The time is right for this next step. The time is now.

In the Joy of being His people,

Pastor Schmidt

2009 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

July 22-26, 2009, New Orleans, LA.

Registration for the 2009 ELCA Youth Gathering will be at 12:01 am on Monday, September 15th. The dates of the Gathering are July 22-26, 2009 and it will take place in New Orleans, LA. There may be additional days before and after the Gathering itself for traveling. There is a \$125 non-refundable deposit required at the time of registration (in other words, by Sunday, September 14th). The total registration cost per participant is \$295. All other necessary costs for the Gathering (food, housing, transportation, etc.) will be covered through fundraising efforts and a congregational sponsorship program (in which members of the congregation will be given the opportunity to sponsor one or more youth participants.)

All participants (youth and chaperones) will be expected to attend a monthly study on the themes of the Gathering starting later in September.

This event is open to any student who will be in high school during the 2008-2009 school year, including graduating seniors. High school friends of Salem members can participate, but they will have to attend the monthly studies along with all of the other Salem participants.

The adult chaperones who will be accompanying the youth are Pastor Jeff, Andrew and Suzanne Meyer, and Jennifer Thompson.

*For more information, please contact Pastor Jeff at
407-414-5261/pastorjeff@salem.net*

JUNE, 2008

...it must be **KITCHEN CLEANING TIME!**
 Yes Salemites it is time for our annual trek to the kitchen to clean out and clean up. This task always involves tossing out lots of stuff. If you happen to have placed something in the refrigerator, freezer or just in the kitchen that you expect to still be there when you go to get it, now is the time to label it clearly with your intentions. We will gather at 9:30 on Monday, August 25, the last Monday of the month. We could use your help. Please bring along your favorite cleaning supplies including that jar of "elbow grease."

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

In August our monthly Bible study is replaced by the cleaning of the kitchen. We encourage you to do the study on your own. The title is "Living Water, Walking Wet" and it is in the July/August issue of "Lutheran Woman Today". You can get a copy from the church office. This session centers on John's account of Jesus' meeting with the Samaritan woman at the well. Her story, as well as others that speak of living water, will help you consider what it means to live a baptismal life.

Plan to join us in September for the introductory session of "The Hidden Hand of God: Wisdom Stories from Ruth, Daniel and Esther," our new nine month study.

	Actual	Budget	2007
Total Giving	28,151	27,976	20,768
Expenses	31,865	32,709	32,045
Net Income	(3,714)	(4,733)	(11,277)

(Loss)

Total Giving for the month of June was slightly over Budget: Total Expenses were under Budget by \$1,000; This creates a positive variance from Budget of \$1,000.

Celebrate the Silver Anniversary as we reach for the GOLD!

RESURRECTION HOUSE MEDICAL AND GENERAL MISSION TRIP

Saturday, August 23, 2008

Our second annual Medical Mission Trip to provide physicals for children at the start of school will be held on Saturday, August 23rd. If you need directions or want to caravan over to Dade City, Fl., please meet at Salem at 8:00 am. If you're a medical professional and would like to participate, if you would like to contribute supplies, or if you just wish to have more information, please contact Pastor Jeff (PastorJeff@SalemLC.net or 407-414-5261) or Shane Barr (tnbarr@earthlink.net).

Those who would like to participate in a general service opportunity at Resurrection House on the 23rd should contact Pastor Jeff for more information

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES WITH RALLY DAY ON AUGUST 24TH

This year we will be using an exciting new format and curriculum. 'Group's Hands-On bible curriculum' will encourage Age 3 through 5th grade kids to dive in and get involved, learning as they explore. Middle School will use 'Group's Grapple-preteen Bible Curriculum'. This curriculum is designed to prompt preteens to dig into the bible to answer real-life questions and tackle the issues they care about most.

2008 SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER MEETING

The Learning Commission is sponsoring a planning meeting for those who support Salem's educational programs. We would like to invite teachers and anyone who has an interest in supporting our Christian Education programs. We will meet from 9:15 am to 10:15 am on Sunday, August 17th. You will have an opportunity to meet the Education Team and receive information on Curriculum, Supplies, Schedule, Classroom Assignments and much more. For additional information, please contact Deb Rundle, Jan Heckmann, or Matt Kurtz.



NEW MEMBER CLASS

There will not be a new member class in August. Classes will resume on Sunday, September 14th with the first of the three classes in the series "Basically Lutheran - What It Means To Be a Lutheran in Today's World"

From your Mission Team

Here are some of the highlights from the July Mission Team Meeting:

** As we go through the months of summer, the Mission Team has the opportunity to take a look at where we are mid-way through the year. Some highlights include increased attendance at Sunday services for the month of June and the continued activities of many of our standing committees. Some concerns include our budget deficit for the year and the need for even more of our members to be involved in the life of Salem. However, we continue to thank God for the blessings He continues to bestow upon us as a people of God and pray for His continued guidance through the rest of the year.*

** If you have any blank greeting cards that you may have received in the mail or by other means, and don't need, please bring them to the church office. Congregational Care through the efforts of Pat Bock uses these cards to send to members of our congregation in recognition of special events or trying circumstances in their lives.*

** Look for the complete minutes of Mission Team meetings on the bulletin board in the hallway across from the bathrooms. Also, don't forget to check our website for a listing of events and activities([www,salemlc.net](http://www.salemlc.net)).*

*Yours in Discipleship,
Eric Schubert, Mission Team President*

