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Salem English Lutheran Church

Late July-August 2018



What's Next?

Wow! This whole 9 am worship experiment seems to be working well! It's great to have everyone together and the energy of both services seems to be alive and vibrant in our gatherings....a little bit of 8:30 am service and a little bit of 10:30 am service and a whole lot of Salem spirit. This is most certainly God in our midst!

So what's next? While I was hoping the answer would just fall out of the sky, it doesn't seem to be that easy. The bottom line is that this was only intended to be a summer experiment. In addition, while 9 am worship at Salem works really well for the summer, during the program year it would compromise our SpringHouse relationships in

Sunday School, Adult Faith Formation, Joint Worship, and in a myriad of other ways.

So what's next? Do we just go back to "status quo"? Do we make some tweaks in our traditions? Do we revolutionize? None of those answers have fallen out of the sky either. Could we continue a blended traditional worship at 8:30 am and do something more experimental at 10:30 am? These are the conversations we are beginning to have. This is where YOU come in...we want to know what you think. Over the next month we will have several opportunities for you to join the conversation. What is important to you in worship? What ideas do you have? What are things you would like to see or try? Here are just a few of the ways you can have a voice:

- **Salem Conversations.** One of the August dates will focus on worship
- **Worship Conversation** Thursday August 9 at 6:30 pm
- **Congregational Survey** will be emailed out in the next few weeks...please participate! (paper copies will be available in the sanctuary after the survey is emailed)

Worship is central to who we are and what it looks like is important for all of us. Join the conversation and let your voice be heard.

Blessings Friends,

Pastor Rhonda

Welcome Our Guest Preachers

Please join us in worship over the next three weeks and welcome our guest preachers and worship leaders! While Pastor Rhonda is away on the Detroit Servant Trip and then a planned family vacation, we will have exciting pinch hitters. Here is the line-up:



July 22: Make way for the one, the only...

Antone Melton-Meaux!

July 29: Give it up for the ever amazing...

Emma AND Josh Jorstad!

August 5: Always inspiring and just hitting his stride...

Roger Livdahl!

As you can see, worship at Salem is about to get exciting so make sure to be there to support these amazing members who have so graciously agreed to be part of God's work in this place.

Summer Worship Opportunities!

- ◆ Sunday Morning worship at Salem: 9:00 am (June 3–September 2, with the exception of our August 19 Joint Worship)
- ◆ Worship Around the Fire: 5 pm on August 26
- ◆ Joint SpringHouse Worship in the Park: Sunday August 19 at 10:30 am at Bryant Square Park–Picnic in the park to follow worship!



Salem News



Seasons of Giving

Through the end of August, our seasons of giving focus will continue to be the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, which allows us to focus on our neighbors. While it is not an every week event, lots of neighbors call and stop by Salem for help. Most of the time we are asked for simple things, like food, diapers, or gas. While we cannot help everyone, Pastor Rhonda does try to help those we can. Salem does not keep cash on hand to help anyone, but instead takes donations to the discretionary fund and turns them into gift cards for gas stations and grocery stores.

Thank you to all who have given to pastoral discretionary fund so far! We will be able to help some of our neighbors with your generous contributions. If you still want to make a donation, you can either make a monetary donation designated to the fund OR you can donate gift cards.

Youth Stepping Up at Day Camp



Clark Hlavinka was one of two SpringHouse high school youth who stepped up to be leaders at our south Minneapolis day camp in June. He helped lead the middle school group all week, leading Bible study, games, activities, and helping with the group mural project. Way to go Clark!



Let's Talk This Summer!

Following some of the 9:00 worship services this summer, join us in Salem Conversations. These are informal discussions facilitated by Salem council members, and everyone in the congregation is invited to gather and participate. The upcoming dates for the rest of the summer are: July 22, August 5, and a final August date TBD. Stay tuned for details.

Joint Worship in the Park

Mark your calendars for Sunday August 19, for our annual SpringHouse Worship in the Park. We will gather at Bryant Park at 10:30 am that morning. *(Note: There will be no 9 am worship this Sunday)*

Our 10:30 am Worship will include hearing from our Detroit Servant Trip participants and feature great music and time together as SpringHouse.



Following worship, we will join together for our annual picnic lunch. **Bring a side to share and be part of the fun!**

Mission to Detroit

This week, 16 members of SpringHouse are leaving for Detroit, MI on the SpringHouse annual servant trip. They will be working with Rippling Hope and local neighbors to lift up neighbors who have been lost in the midst of poverty and the urban decay of their once vibrant Detroit. Please keep them in your prayers as they travel, leaving Saturday July 21 and returning on Sunday, July 29. **Then, mark your calendars for Sunday August 19, where they will share their God encounters with everyone at our annual Joint Worship in the Park.**

More News

Worship Around the Fire

Join us Sunday August 26, for a campfire style worship on the patio! We will have camp songs, hymns, stories and s'mores as we gather in this informal and fun worship experience. Everyone is welcome!



Tom Pieper to Ride in Habitat 500

Salem's jazz musician, Tom Pieper will be riding his bike in the Habitat 500 again this year. The ride is July 15-21 and starts in Becker MN. The ride is a great chance to support families becoming homeowners. Ask Tom how a 500 mile ride feels and consider pledging to support a family by going to: <https://2018habitat500.greatfeats.com/tom-pieper> Any donation helps, and Tom has set donations to have the maximum amount go to Habitat by funding the ride portion himself. Donations will be accepted through November of this year.



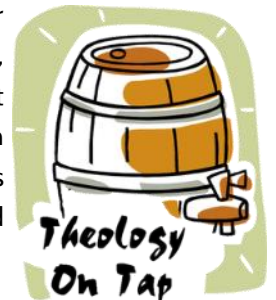
Reva Swanson Honored with VFW Scholarship

The James Ballantine VFW Post 246 has established the Reva Swanson Community Service Educational Scholarship Fund, which will give a scholarship to a deserving high school student who shows commitment to serving the community. The post recognizes Reva as a shining example of community service, giving countless hours over many years to serve the community. They hope her service will inspire young people as well. Congratulations, Reva!



Theology on Tap

Join us at Lynhall at 6:30 pm on Wednesday August 1 for conversation and beverages at our monthly Theology on Tap. This month, let's get practical and chat about evangelism and reaching out with targeted marketing. Don't miss this great opportunity for fellowship and conversation! See you on the 1st!



Thank You to Salem

Thank you letters arrived addressed to Salem over the past few weeks. Here is what you have done...

- ◆ Global Health thanks us for the 165 Hospice Kits that our day camp assembled in June! That's 165 children of God who will be more comfortable in their end of life journey.
- ◆ Simpson Food Shelf thanks us for 563 pounds of food that we donated to help feed our neighbors right down the street!
- ◆ ELCA World Hunger thanks us for our \$576 monetary donation that we sent after Lent to help lift neighbors near and far out of poverty.



Altar Flowers

Salem is now offering the opportunity to provide occasional floral arrangements for worship, using the talents of member Myra Urness Rusten. If you would like to honor a birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion with an arrangement to beautify worship, and then take home to enjoy, you can sign up at church or contact the office (612-872-4650 or office@discoversalem.org). Arrangements are \$40 each. Checks may be written to Salem.



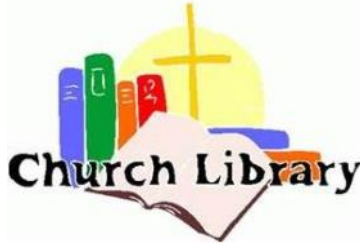
Well done, good and faithful servants!

SpringHouse News

SpringHouse Library Update

What's going on in the Springhouse library this summer?

The SpringHouse library committee is working:



- ◆ A new rolling book cart has been ordered. It was purchased with donations from SpringHouse members. We'll be able to roll "on the topic" books to adult education classes and meetings.
- ◆ The committee has renamed the "social issues" category to "Justice issues" and restructured the categories within it to more accurately name today's issues. The committee is evaluating the items in the current collection for relevance.
- ◆ Several people have donated books that are valuable additions to the SpringHouse collection. The committee is working to process them and get them on the shelves for fall readers.
- ◆ The committee is compiling a wish list that will be available in the fall.

Join the Huddle!

The Springhouse Huddle is a group of people who believe that one person can make a difference and a group can make real change. Weekly emails provide suggested actions - large and small - based on pending legislation, local and world events, or other political activities. We gather on the second Saturday of each month at 9 am to share thoughts, information, and resources to help keep us going in our work to improve our communities and the world. Our next meeting will be Saturday, August 11. For more information or to be added to the email list, contact Anna Bliss at akb@pobox.com

Summer Office Hours

Through Labor Day weekend, SpringHouse office hours will be Tues-Thurs. 11-2. Staff are often around at other times, but if you need to speak to someone in particular, it's always good to call first to make sure your party is around. Please note that Salem's office admin, Laurie, will be out of the office on medical leave for late July and early August, but will be checking email and doing some work from home during that time. The main SpringHouse number is 612-353-6292.

Mission at our Doorstep

First Christian's week of local service projects is underway here at SpringHouse and around the city as we go to press. Mission At Our Doorstep is July 16-19, 2018. Some of the activities include: having a cook-out for the guests of St. Stephens Shelter; assembling Church World Service Hygiene Kits and School Kits; creating Bags of Grace; filling backpacks for Youth Link; participating in a packing session at Feed My Starving Children; and offering a Neighborhood Party on the Patio. All of SpringHouse (and friends of SpringHouse) is invited to join in Mission At Our Doorstep. If you're interested in jumping in at the last minute, please contact Pastor Laurie or Pastor Dan of First Christian at 612- 870-1868.

Simpson Shelter Meal

Our next opportunity to serve the evening meal at Simpson Shelter will be Tuesday, August 7. We gather at Simpson United Methodist Church, 28th St. and First Ave., to prepare and serve the meal at 7 pm. Please sign up on the info table or with Mary (mandmvanderford@gmail.com)

From the Building Coordinator

As usual, SpringHouse will be busy this summer. Although some groups cut back their activity in the summer, other things pick up. Several youth groups are scheduled to use us as a base of operations for their mission trips. Mission at Our Doorstep, is happening July 16-19. Worship in the Park will be August 19 in Bryant Square Park.

Additionally, as usual, a lot of theater rehearsals are expected this summer as groups get ready for the Fringe Festival. Don't forget to put in your own requests for building use as soon as you can. As one renter put it, the calendar starts to look like a game of Tetris.

Reaching Out ...

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services

Many of you have asked about what we can **do** in the midst of this crisis of separated families in our country. LIRS has put together some great information that includes facts and action items for individuals and congregations. There are three ways they are encouraging people to take action right now.

1. **Contact your members of Congress.** Email, call, tweet ... even snail mail!
2. **Donate.** Your monetary donation to LIRS helps us to address the most urgent needs facing children and their families and enables us to maintain our capacity to serve them.
3. **Educate, educate, educate.** You can help to educate your family, friends, churches, and community groups.

For specific details on how to do any of these items, go to:

https://www.lirs.org/assets/2474/lirs_crossing_the_line_webinar_toolkit_752018.pdf

or pick up a paper copy in the back of the sanctuary.

Watch for more information to come, as Pastor Rhonda has reached out to local coordinators for more information.



Volunteer at the Uptown Art Fair

It's the best time of year again! The 2018 Uptown Art Fair is looking for volunteers to be a part of this exciting event. This year, the Uptown Art Fair will be held August 3-5. For volunteering, you will receive a 2018 commemorative t-shirt and the honor of knowing that you played a vital role in the execution of Minnesota's second largest event, second only to the Minnesota State Fair! Shifts are short, fun, and give you the opportunity to get a behind-the-scenes look at the Uptown Art Fair. Get your family, friends, and co-workers together to sign up as volunteers today. Registration information available at uptownminneapolis.com/uptown-association/get-involved. For questions, please contact Madeline Lunzer, Volunteer Coordinator, at madeline@uptownminneapolis.com.

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service

A Breakdown of Children & Family Separation

Over 2300 refugee children have been separated from their parents in 2018.

After a child has been separated from their parents by Customs and Border Protection they are detained as an **UNACCOMPANIED CHILD** for no more than **72 HOURS.**

Within this time frame, the child is referred to the **Office of Refugee Resettlement**. ORR then refers these kids to licensed care providers **including LIRS.**

LIRS has provided care to 148 SEPARATED CHILDREN

LIRS works through our **NATIONAL NETWORK OF PARTNERS**. We offer trauma-informed transitional foster care for these children, who urgently need **SAFE SHELTER, CLOTHES, BEDS, and COUNSELING.**

Once LIRS identifies **A CHILD WHO HAS BEEN SEPARATED** we work with federal agencies and partners to **FIND THE FAMILY MEMBER WHO HAS BEEN DETAINED.**

We ask about possible **FAMILY OR COMMUNITY** sponsors that could take the child into their care. **To date, LIRS has secured sponsors for more than half of the separated children in our care.**

If no sponsor is identified, LIRS will seek to place the child in **LONG TERM FOSTER CARE**. Children remain in a **SAFE, CARING HOME** until their family members have been released from detention.

Sunday School and Children’s Ministry

South Minneapolis Day Camp



90 kids from 12 congregations participated in South Minneapolis Day Camp hosted at Bethel Lutheran Church. Crafts, stories, lunch, even a petting zoo made it a fun and exciting week for all.

Summer Sunday School at SpringHouse

Our formal Sunday School for kids takes a break during the summer, but Deb Murphy and a few other volunteers offer a program called, “Art of the Covenant” in the Sunday School hall 9:30-10:15 am, Sunday until Labor Day weekend. All kids welcome for art projects and other fun programming.

Youth News

Youth Group during the Summer:

Youth Group will continue throughout the summer, in the youth room from 9:30-10:20 am, with the exception of July 22 and 29. During the summer, youth group is available for all youth that are entering 6th grade and leaving high school. Please stay connected with updates and adaptations by getting subscribed to the Youth Ministry E-Newsletter. Connect with Jon to get subscribed. Get yourself signed up by doing one of the following.

- ◆ Text @db2kc8 to 81010.
- ◆ Or talk to Jon Bates to get yourself signed up!

Questions? Contact Youth Minister Jon Bates at 651-253-8494 or springhouseyouth@fccmpls.org

Third Thursday Turnout

Every single third Thursday, there'll be a gathering somewhere in the area of SpringHouse from 6:30-8:30 pm! Please stay connected as to where we'll meet by waiting for the Remind text the week of. the event.

Upcoming Youth Activities

For questions about youth activities, please contact Youth Minister Jon Bates at springhouseyouth@fccmpls.org or 651-253-8494

Thursday, July 19, 6-7:30 pm

Feed My Starving Children

In partnership with First Christian Church’s “Mission at our Doorstep,” we will use help our neighbors by packing food at Feed My Starving Children’s Chanhassen location. A shuttle will leave SpringHouse at 5 pm. Please RSVP with Jon!

Friday, August 24, 6 pm-Saturday, August 25, 8 am

State Fair Outing and Lock-In

We'll meet at SpringHouse at 6 pm and then adventure over to the Minnesota State Fair! Your admission will be covered. Please bring spending money for the Fair. We'll return to SpringHouse at 10:30, have breakfast the next morning at 7:30 and end the lock-in at 8 am. Please RSVP for yourself and any friends to Jon by Sunday, August 19.

Calendar

Week of July 15

Sun	7/15	9:00 am	Worship Service
	7/15	9:30 am	Informal Sunday School
Mon	7/16	6:45 pm	Building & Grounds
Tue	7/17	8:15 am	Lectionary Bible Study at Walker Home
Wed	7/18	6:30 pm	Salem Council
Thu	7/19	6:30 pm	Youth Third Thursday Turnout

Week of July 22

Sun	7/22	9:00 am	Worship Service
	7/22	9:30 am	Informal Sunday School
Tue	7/24	8:15 am	Lectionary Bible Study at Walker Home

Week of July 29

Sun	7/29	9:00 am	Worship Service
	7/29	9:30 am	Informal Sunday School
Tue	7/31	8:15 am	Lectionary Bible Study at Walker Home
Wed	8/1	6:30 pm	Theology on Tap

Week of August 5

Sun	8/5	9:00 am	Worship Service
	8/5	9:30 am	Informal Sunday School
	8/5	12:00 pm	Children's Ministry Team
Tue	8/7	8:15 am	Lectionary Bible Study at Walker Home
	8/7	5:15 pm	Simpson Shelter Meal
Thu	8/9	6:30 pm	Worship Conversation
Sat	8/11	9:00 am	Women's March Huddle Group

Week of August 12

Sun	8/12	9:00 am	Worship Service
	8/12	9:30 am	Informal Sunday School
	8/12	12:00 pm	Green Team
Tue	8/14	8:15 am	Lectionary Bible Study at Walker Home
Wed	8/15	6:30 pm	Salem Council
Thu	8/16	6:30 pm	Youth Third Thursday Turnout

Week of August 19

Sun	8/19	10:30 am	Joint SpringHouse Worship in the Park
	8/19	12:00 pm	SpringHouse Picnic in the Park
	8/19	12:00 pm	SpringHouse Board Meeting
Mon	8/20	6:45 pm	Building & Grounds
Tue	8/21	8:15 am	Lectionary Bible Study at Walker Home
Fri	8/24-Sat 8/25		Youth Lock-In and State Fair Outing

Week of August 26

Sun	8/26	9:00 am	Worship Service
	8/26	9:30 am	Informal Sunday School
	8/26	5:00 pm	Worship Around the Campfire
Tue	8/28	8:15 am	Lectionary Bible Study at Walker Home

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and bold Christian community,
rooted in the neighborhood
and striving to live faithfully in God’s world.”
Salem Mission Statement**

Salem Calendar on the Salem Website

Did you know that our congregational calendar is available on our website? At www.discoverosalem.org you can link to our calendar. For some events there are extra details included, too. Check it out.



July and August Birthdays

Wish these Salem members and friends a happy birthday! If you're new to Salem and would like your birthday listed, please contact Laurie in the office.



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| Jacentia Peña – 7/24 | Xavier Melton-Meaux – 8/18 |
| Alex Nordeen – 7/31 | Barbara Livdahl – 8/21 |
| Tanya Swanson – 8/7 | Orpha Rustebakke – 8/23 |
| Myra Rusten – 8/10 | James Anderson – 8/30 |



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