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Salem English Lutheran Church

November 2018



## Reformation, Stewardship, and Thanksgiving

I find it hard to believe that this Sunday is Reformation Sunday. Has it been a whole year since the world came together to mark 500 years of the Reformation? Has it been a whole year since we pulled out those favorite Lutheran hymns and celebrated this high holy day? Our charge last year was to continue to live as reformers, as radicals for the work of the gospel. So how have we done?

I believe, despite a world that seems to be perpetually full of chaos and exhausting news cycles, despite our individual and communal busy schedules, and despite all the other “stuff” that competes with our focus, we are a community that is continuing to shine our light.

Which is why it was decided that our stewardship focus this season would be “**Let Your Light Shine**” and that we would begin it on Reformation Sunday with the collecting of pledges for 2019. But, Pastor Rhonda, don’t we usually collect our pledges *after* we hear all the stewardship moments and spend a few weeks on our stewardship theme? Well, that has been the tradition. But this year I am encouraging all of you to **bring those pledge forms with you this Sunday, Reformation Sunday**. Then, after we have offered those first fruits to the work of the gospel in this place, we will turn our hearts and minds to the light we shine in the world. Giving up front, first fruits, is an honest act of trust—of faith—that God is the provider of all we have. It is an act of thanksgiving to the Creator of the universe that reflects our gratitude for all we have been given.

Then, I am looking forward to spending a few weeks looking at the light we shine in the world. We will culminate our

stewardship time this fall when we gather on Sunday November 18, at the beginning of a week traditionally set apart for gratitude, in worship and thanksgiving. That Sunday we will lift up all of our gifts and our light and commend them to God’s work in this place.

Reformation, stewardship, and thanksgiving...they all go together in a wonderful relationship that calls us to be part of God’s work. As reformers, light-bearers, and people of great gratitude, we are charged with always looking ahead, mindful of where we come from, and ready to take a leap in the name of Jesus. Putting it bluntly, as people of God, called to radical reformation and to being light-bearers in the world, we have a lot of work to do. We are called to keep reforming, to keep shining, and to keep giving—of ourselves and all that we have for the sake of the gospel.

I hope to see you this Sunday as we celebrate the Reformation (**wear RED**) and as we launch a month of looking at how our light shines...how we are, and can be, a beacon in the world.

God’s Blessings!

Pastor Rhonda

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### Thanksgiving Eve Worship

YOU are invited to join us for a fun and festive evening of worship and pie! We will gather at 7 pm on Wednesday, November 21, in a time of worship and gratitude for all of our gifts. Then, we will gather at tables for fellowship over pie...a time to stop for a moment and sit with each other and to be grateful.

But let’s not stop with your invitation. Do you know someone who will be alone on Thanksgiving, or who might need a chance to connect at this holiday time? Invite someone to join us for this wonderful midweek tradition at Salem.

If you plan to worship with us that evening, please indicate so in the bulletin insert on Sunday mornings over the next 3 weeks or email Pastor Rhonda—as we are trying to figure out how many pies we need. In addition, if you are willing to bring pie to share or to help serve or clean up, indicate so on the same bulletin insert or by contacting Mary Patterson.



# Salem News

## Seasons of Giving

Did you know that Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota has a camp specifically for disaster survivors that has been hosted throughout the United States for over 20 years? Here is a little bit about this amazing camp...



**Our Mission:** Camp Noah brings hope and healing to communities that have been impacted by disaster.

**History:** Camp Noah is owned by Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota and operates nationwide. It began in 1997 as a response to flooding in the Red River Valley of North Dakota and Minnesota. In 2006, Camp Noah grew dramatically in response to Hurricane Katrina. Camp Noah has developed into a nationally recognized program for children whose communities have been impacted by natural disasters and other collective trauma. To date, Camp Noah has been hosted in 29 states and Puerto Rico in response to a wide range of natural and human-caused disasters. Since 1997, we have held 273 camps with more than 4,000 adult volunteers and have served nearly 14,000 elementary-age children. Camp Noah has a small but dedicated staff based in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

**How Camp Noah Helps Children:** During Camp Noah, a team of Certified Camp Staff accompanies campers through an intentional curriculum that enables children to process their disaster and/or trauma experiences. This offers campers the space and time necessary to tell their stories and build resiliency skills. Campers participate in small groups, large group time (which includes music, skits and puppet shows), crafts and recreation time. And – Camp Noah is FUN! Camp Noah provides a space for kids to be kids.

During the month of November, for our seasons of giving, we will be collecting items and assembling Camp Noah Kid Kits. Check out the information on our “Outreach” page entitled “Camp Noah Kid Kits” for specific details about how you can get involved.

## Stewardship Season

### Let Your Light Shine

This Sunday, October 28, we will celebrate Reformation Sunday. As we come together to mark our history and our future as reformers, we will also offer our financial pledges for the year to come. *\*If you need a pledge form, pick one up in the back of the sanctuary or contact Pastor Rhonda to get one.*



Our theme surrounding our stewardship this year is “Let Your Light Shine” and we will spend time celebrating the offering of these first fruits over the next several weeks in during worship. We will lift up all of our gifts and our light on Sunday November 18 as we gather together for worship and thanksgiving. Make sure to join us as we look at how our light shines in this place, in our neighborhood, in our communities,



**Don't miss it!**  
**Invite a friend or neighbor!**  
**November 21**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Worship and Pie**

## Theology on Tap

Come and join the fun! Be part of the conversation! join us at Lynhall at 6:30 pm on Wednesday November 7 for conversation and beverages at our monthly Theology on Tap. This month we will meet on the day after the elections—and so we will take time to debrief and talk about how it has shaped our world. We would love to see you there!



## More News

### Advent Festival

Join us on **Wednesday November 28 at 6 pm** (or whenever you can get there) for our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Advent event! There will be plenty to do for everyone!



- Listen to music for the season and fellowship over a light supper. Bring a side dish or dessert to share –a main dish will be provided!
- Put up the tree and other adornments (paraments, art, and any other enhancements) for this wonderful season of worship.
- Make an advent calendar/devotional or wreath to take home to help mark the season.
- Make ornaments/artwork to hang in the sanctuary
- Make ornaments/artwork to take home .

This was a fun and meaningful event last year and we are looking forward to even more of you joining us this year to start the Advent season with a bang! We hope to see all of you there.

### Adult Faith Formation

Join us for our joint SpringHouse adult faith formation each week in the gathering space between services at 9:30 am. Everyone is welcome for this great opportunity at learning and conversation! Here's what is coming your way...

**October 28 & November 4:** We will continue our **Study on Revelation** led by Pastor Laurie Feille over the next two weeks. Don't worry if you haven't been able to attend the other weeks—you will still be able to participate in this great time of study and discussion.

**November 18 – December 23:** What are we waiting for—Who is this Jesus that comes into the world? Join us during this season of waiting for a series that looks into what that means.



### New Salem Community Directory

Salem's new Members & Friends directory is ready! Pick yours up at church, or call or email the church office (612-872-4650 or [office@discoversalem.org](mailto:office@discoversalem.org)) if you would like one mailed to you. Many thanks to all who verified their information. Questions? Talk with Laurie in the office. Thank you!



### Advent is Coming!

Plan to join us during the Advent season here at Salem! Come and worship with us Wednesday evenings starting December 5. Holden Evening Prayer will be offered for all of SpringHouse and all are invited. Soup supper will begin at 5:30 pm and the service will be at 6 pm. Let this be a calm place in your holiday preparations.



### Sanctuary Switch

The next Sanctuary Switch will be Monday, November 26, at 10 am. Salem will be moving to the North Sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. We are looking for lots of help and some creative minds to make this happen!

### ZOOM House Opportunities are Coming

Watch for details to come about our Seasons of Giving focus for December—ZOOM House. We will again be part of the family gift program—as soon as we have names and wish lists, we will post them in the sanctuary!

### Altar Flowers

Salem offers the opportunity to provide occasional floral arrangements for worship, created by 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](mailto:office@discoversalem.org)). Arrangements are \$40 each. Checks may be written to Salem.





# SpringHouse News

## SpringHouse Calendar/Room Use Requests

Just a reminder that the SpringHouse Room Use Calendar is accessible online. There are several ways to access it. It can be found on the SpringHouse website or you can go to it directly at <https://calendar.churchart.com/calendar/73956030>.

You will not be able to edit, but it will give you information about room use. Whenever you are planning events and meetings, it can be helpful to check the calendar to see if there might be room available or if there's another event that might create scheduling conflicts for people.

Please also keep in mind that the building is very busy. The more lead time you can give Deb Murphy regarding your room needs, the more likely you are to be able to reserve what you need, especially on evenings and weekends. It is also very helpful to let her know if you have a room preference - or at least the number of people expected. To prevent scheduling a drumming circle above a meditation group, it is also helpful to give Deb an indication of what the room is needed for, e.g. Personnel Committee, Planning Meeting, Bible study, Thanksgiving Eve service followed by pie, etc...

## Advent Brunch: Save the Date

On Saturday, December 8 at 10 am, First Christian will be hosting their annual Advent Brunch. All SpringHouse folks are welcome—please RSVP to Deb Murphy, 612-870-1868 or [deb.murphy@fccmpls.org](mailto:deb.murphy@fccmpls.org)

## Ecumenical Thanksgiving Day Worship

Looking for a service to attend on Thanksgiving Day? Westminster Presbyterian will host an interfaith Thanksgiving service on Thursday, November 22 at 10 am. All are welcome.

## SpringHouse Thanksgiving Potluck



Join in with other SpringHouse folks for a Thanksgiving Potluck on Sunday, November 18 after the 10:30 service. Turkey and potatoes will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

## Meet the Caterers

These are the people who are in our kitchen all the time....



Quince Hospitality is the catering service that started using our Commercial Kitchen (it's a nice little sum per month...) in August. The owner is Brooke Faudre. She and her husband Andrew can frequently be found in the back kitchen doing prep work, preparing meals and making all-around yummy stuff. They are just starting out in business and being able to use our kitchen has helped them tremendously. They love the space and have enjoyed meeting our members.

If you need of the kitchens, please talk to Deb Murphy well in advance of the date you would like. With advance warning, Brooke is quite willing to make accommodations for the churches and SpringHouse. Key phrase: advance warning (minimum 1 week notice - less than that, Deb may not be able to work out the schedule). Please say "Hi" the next time you see them!

A contingent from Springhouse went to Deardorff Orchards for apple picking on September 30 and had a lovely time there.



## SpringHouse Huddle News

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. Although the group will no longer have a monthly gathering for now, you can still sign up for weekly emails about actions to take to work for justice. Please contact Anna Bliss at [akb@pobox.com](mailto:akb@pobox.com) if you would like to be on the mailing list.

# Reaching Out ...

## Camp Noah Kid Kits



As part of our seasons of giving focus on Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota, we will be assembling Kid Kits on Sunday November 25. Children often lose everything in a disaster, including art and craft supplies. Camp Noah Kids Kits provide campers with all the supplies needed at camp which they can then take home afterwards.

While each kit contains 9 items—in order to make as many kits as possible—we are asking you to participate in one of two ways.

1. **Donate specific items for the kits.** The specific items we are asking you to provide are:
  - Crayola broad line washable markers (classic colors)
  - 8-count Crayola washable watercolor paints with brush
  - 24 count box of Crayola crayons
  - Kids-sized scissors
  - 5-ounce containers of Play-Doh (any color)

*Note: Fairness is very important to children, so we ask that you provide only Crayola brand markers, crayons, and watercolor paints so every Kids Kit is the same.*

2. Some items are easier purchased in bulk (glue sticks, pens, pencils, etc.) For those items, **we need monetary donations** that will help us purchase a number of the same items. To contribute, mark your donations as “Camp Noah”.

Whatever way you choose to get involved, make sure to join us on November 25, when we will assemble the kits during worship.

## Support Families in Sanctuary

As a Sanctuary-Supporting/ Immigrant Welcoming Church, we are working with other faith communities in South Minneapolis who are providing sanctuary at this time. This network allows us to learn what the needs are and how SpringHouse can best respond. **One very pressing need is help with the cost of food. Specifically we can support families living in sanctuary by donating Cub Food gift cards.** So, you are invited to buy Cub Food cards and place them in the offering plates on Sunday. They will then be delivered to churches hosting sanctuary families. Thank you for your support in this ever important ministry!

## Sanctuary Supporting Fundraiser

Please save the date for a fundraising luncheon on -Sunday, December 2 from 11:45 - 1:00 (after 10:30 worship).

As a sanctuary-supporting, immigrant-welcoming church, the SpringHouse Sanctuary Task Force is hosting this fundraising luncheon, and the proceeds will benefit the families who have sought sanctuary in south Minneapolis churches and synagogues. Plan to participate in this fundraiser and show your continued support for our work of providing sanctuary. There are no short-term solutions to the immigrant bashing rhetoric and the separation of immigrant families who are a part of our community. This is one small way we can be in solidarity with our immigrant neighbors.

The menu will include special rice, beans, fajitas and barbecued chicken, catered by Yolanda who provided our meal last fall.

We are looking forward to sharing this time together. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent, where we worship the Hope that we share in our belief in Christ.

## NEW Partnership with Whittier School

Watch for information to come in our weekly e-blast and future newsletters about a new and exciting ongoing opportunity for us to partner with our neighbors at Whittier Elementary School. Through lots of ground work, we have discovered that it is not school supplies that are needed. Instead they are in need of a few specific items: WATERPROOF mittens/gloves/snow pants and gift cards. Whittier School has many families that end up coming to them for help when they need it. It may be because they can't afford a cake for their child's birthday or they need gas money to travel to a family funeral. We are working on the details now and will get more specific information to you as soon as we can!



## Simpson Shelter Meal

Our next opportunity to serve the evening meal at Simpson Shelter will be Wednesday, November 28. We gather at Simpson United Methodist Church, 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mandmvanderford@gmail.com))

# Sunday School and Children's Ministry

## Godly Play News!

It has a been a year since we began using the Godly Play curriculum. At this juncture, taking a step back and evaluating how it is going seems to be in order. The Children's Ministry Committee will begin the process of accessing the program. We will then gather information from children and parents in order to improve the program. Start gleanng thoughts from your child(ren) about their experience with Sunday school now.

## Sunday School Stories for November

- ◆ November 4: Prophets
- ◆ November 11: Intergenerational Event
- ◆ November 28: The Ark and the Tent
- ◆ November 25: Informal Sunday School with Deb Murphy

## Questions about Sunday School?

Contact April Conlee ([april.conlee@gmail.com](mailto:april.conlee@gmail.com)) or Pastor Rhonda ([revrhonda@discoversalem.org](mailto:revrhonda@discoversalem.org))



## Intergenerational Event November 11

Adult Ed and Sunday School will explore gratitude on November 11 from 9:15 to 10:15 in the gathering space. Different activities will be offered, including creating a mural.

## Cookies for Sanctuary Churches: Family Event

Come bake cookies after church on November 11 They will be sold the following week to raise money to buy Cub Food cards for sanctuary churches. Volunteers needed to bring pre-made cookie dough. Baked goods brought in on November 18 to be sold would also be appreciated.

## Donations for Sunday School Area Wanted

Thank you to Myra Rusten, a Salem member, who donated a bookshelf for the Sunday school space, which is being used for the Godly Play Old Testament story boxes. Another shelf, three feet or shorter, is also needed for the Parables story boxes, as well as a bean bag chair or some other child sized comfy chair for a reading area.

# Youth News

## Upcoming Youth Activities

Friday, November 2, 7:00 pm-?

### High School Fellowship Activity

High school youth, something will be happening this date! Put it on your calendar. It could include an Escape Room, movie, or another activity. Stay posted through the Youth Email Newsletter and youth text messages. If you're not subscribed to this information, please contact Jon.

Friday, November 9 , 6-7:30 pm

### Feed My Starving Children at Eagan location

Sign up with Jon to help pack food for folks around the world, and plan to arrive 15 minutes early. After food packing the group will go to the Whitakers (from First Christian) for a bonfire and/or other activities.



Youth Ministry

## Sunday Mornings

Youth group meets every Sunday 9:30-10:20am in the Micah room. All high school and middle school youth welcome 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! You can text @db2kc8 to 81010, or talk to Jon Bates.

Questions? Contact Youth Minister Jon Bates at 651-253-8494 or [springhouseyouth@fccmpls.org](mailto:springhouseyouth@fccmpls.org)



# Calendar

## Week of October 28

Sun	10/28	8:30 am	Traditional Worship
	10/28	9:15 am	Sunday School and Youth
	10/28	9:30 am	Adult Ed
	10/28	10:30 am	Jazz Worship
	10/28	6:00 pm	Youth Group Dinner
Tue	10/30	8:15 am	Lectionary Bible Study at Walker Home
Fri	11/2	7:00 pm	High School Youth Outing

## Week of November 4

Sun	11/4	8:30 am	Traditional Worship
	11/4	9:15 am	Sunday School and Youth
	11/4	9:30 am	Adult Ed
	11/4	10:30 am	Jazz Worship
	11/4	1:00 pm	Confirmation Meeting
Tue	11/6	8:15 am	Lectionary Bible Study
Wed	11/7	6:30 pm	Theology on Tap at The Lynhall
Fri	11/9	6:00 pm	Youth to Feed My Starving Children

## Week of November 11

Sun	11/11	8:30 am	Traditional Worship
	11/11	9:15 am	Intergenerational event
	11/11	10:30 am	Jazz Worship
	11/11	11:30 am	Cookie Baking for Sanctuary Bake Sale
	11/11	12:00 pm	Green Team
Tue	11/13	8:15 am	Lectionary Bible Study at Walker Home

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**Reminder: Daylight Saving Time Ends in November!** Clocks FALL BACK in the wee hours of the morning on November 4.

## Week of November 18

Sun	11/18	8:30 am	Traditional Worship
	11/18	9:15 am	Sunday School and Youth
	11/18	9:30 am	Adult Ed
	11/18	10:30 am	Jazz Worship
	11/18	11:45 am	SpringHouse Thanksgiving Potluck
Mon	11/19	6:45 pm	Building & Grounds
Tue	11/20	8:15 am	Lectionary Bible Study at Walker Home
Wed	11/21	6:30 pm	Salem Council
	11/21	7:00 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Worship

## Week of November 25

Sun	11/25	8:30 am	Traditional Worship
	11/25	9:15 am	Informal Sunday School
	11/25	9:30 am	Adult Ed
	11/25	10:30 am	Jazz Worship
Mon	11/26	10:00 am	Sanctuary Switch
Tue	11/27	8:15 am	Lectionary Bible Study at Walker Home
Wed	11/28	5:15 pm	Simpson Shelter Meal
	11/28	6:00 pm	Advent Festival Event

## November 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.

- Li Livdahl – 11/1
- James Anderson – 11/2
- Emma Jorstad – 11/4
- Terry Giinther – 11/5
- Lucas Johnson – 11/5



- David Peña – 11/8
- Erica Doss – 11/16
- Josh Jorstad – 11/22
- Katharine Glick – 11/23
- Christy Henzler – 11/24





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