

JULY 2019

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SLC NEWS

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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS:

- JULY 16 - PIE DAY
- JULY 27 - QUILT AUCTION
- JULY 27 - THE TABLE
- JULY 31 - NOISY OFFERING

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP IS WORKING!

An Article by Pastor Matt

Romans 14:5

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds.

SALEM'S WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE IS WORKING!

My sincere THANKS to those who have attended, even if it's only been once or twice. I'm also aware that there are a number of folks who would like to attend but cannot, due to things in their schedule, which I understand. Unfortunately, we can't quite seem to openly embrace how well it's going because some folks aren't quite sure whether they approve of it because it's not on Sunday.

Last Spring, I told the pastors of the ministerium as well as the local ELCA pastors about our plans to try Wednesday worship services only this Summer. I also shared this with many (as in about twenty) pastors at the SWMN Synod Assembly in early June. Not one pastor has said to me it was wrong to switch worship to Wednesday for the summer. In fact, a synod staff member at the assembly openly commended at the microphone another congregation for switching to

Wednesdays to help their worship attendance, which as a result, had doubled.

JESUS is our REST. JESUS is our SABBATH. He has empowered us as a church to set a time to gather so that he can join us in Word and Sacrament. If our remembering the Sabbath day to keep it holy is about a specific day of the week, we take away the power of the Holy Spirit when Jesus says, as in Matthew 18:20, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Jesus did not say that it had to be on a certain day. Sundays in our culture are not going to go back to what they were. We are left with a choice - we can choose to either be part of finding a solution that promotes Jesus' call to make disciples, or we can slowly watch our Summer attendance fall as we scrape the last bits out of the barrel of tradition.

What we are doing is creating a time when our folks are most likely to take the break they need, and that God requires, to attend worship. And with a steady 40-50 people, we've got a good core group to build on. We can easily make that 50-60 or more.

We need to give it time, we need to give it publicity, we probably need to add a meal beforehand to draw in some of the families with children. Most of all, we need to create an environment where we can talk about it and help it grow. If it brings in more people, it's worth it to have a meal before worship.

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SALEM'S JULY 2019 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JUNE 30	JULY 1	JULY 2	JULY 3 9am Salem on Ch. 180 6:30pm Salem on Ch. 180 6:30pm Summer Worship Office hours until 2	JULY 4 <i>Happy 4th of July!</i>	JULY 5 9am Salem on Ch. 180 10am Friday Morning Coffee No office hours	JULY 6
7	8	9	10 9am Salem on Ch. 180 10am Coffee Fellowship Bible Study 6:30pm Salem on Ch. 180 6:30pm Summer Worship	11	12 9am Salem on Ch. 180 10am Friday Morning Coffee	13
14	15	16 130pm Pie Day (Luther Haven and Copper Glen)	17 9am Salem on Ch. 180 6:30pm Salem on Ch. 180 6:30pm Summer Worship	18	19 9am Salem on Ch. 180 10am Friday Morning Coffee	20
21	22	23	24 9am Salem on Ch. 180 6:30pm Salem on Ch. 180 6:30pm Summer Worship	25	26 9am Salem on Ch. 180 10am Friday Morning Coffee	27 8:30-10am Free Community Breakfast 9am GLLM Quilt Auction (Spicer)
<i>Pastor Matt Away - continuing ed/vacation</i>						
28	29	30	31 9am Salem on Ch. 180 6:30pm Salem on Ch. 180 6:30pm Summer Worship with Noisy Offering	AUG 1 6:30am Men's Breakfast and Bible Study at The River's	AUG 2 9am Salem on Ch. 180 10am Friday Morning Coffee	AUG 3

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Please come to worship on Wednesdays when you can from now until September. You can find your Sabbath rest and worship, as well as be a part of helping it work better for the future of Salem. At least come give it a try like others have.

Finally, I want to again say THANK YOU to those who have given our Wednesday worship services a chance, and for being a part of making it work. I'll also say THANK YOU to those with the intention of attending and haven't been able to make it yet.

Jesus is our Sabbath, and he promised to be there when we gather.

Blessings,
-MP

Event Thank You's

Thank you to our Ice Cream Social volunteers for their work leading up to and on the day of our event on Tuesday, June 18th. Thank you to everyone who joined us, and a special thank you to the Montevideo Community Band for their great performance!

Thank you to our Salem quilters who dedicate their time and talent to making Salem member baby and graduation quilts, as well as mission quilts. Thank you also to Kathy Leindecker and Ardy Eekhoff for donating quilts annually to the Green Lake Lutheran Ministries quilt auction. The quilt auction will be held on Saturday, July 27th at the Green Lake Bible Camp.

Thank you to our Salem SOS family volunteers. When we need to call on families/volunteers for various events at Salem, as well as funerals, we so appreciate your willingness to help. Salem is very fortunate and grateful to have so many faithful, helpful volunteers.

Thank you to 'The Table' volunteers. Thank you to all those who have donated gifts and time to Salem's meal ministry, 'The Table.' 'The Table' is a free community breakfast, open to everyone, on the last Saturday of each month from 8:30-10am at Salem. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to cook and serve at a past or upcoming breakfast! If you are interested in serving, please contact the Salem office. **The July breakfast will be Saturday, July 27, 8:30-10am.**



THE 35th ANNUAL
GREEN LAKE LUTHERAN ministries Quilt Auction
SATURDAY, JULY 27
Quilt Review: 9:00-10:30am - \$3.00
Silent Auction closes at 10:30am
LUNCH AVAILABLE ON SITE
Auction Begins at 11:30am



THE TABLE
FREE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST
Last Saturday of Every Month 8:30-10 a.m.
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Salem's Summer Worship Schedule: Please make it a point to attend Salem's weekday worship services on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Reminder that our Wednesday evening services replace our Sunday morning services. Sunday morning worship at Salem will resume on Sunday, September 8th at 9:30 a.m.

July Noisy Offering: *Wednesday, July 31st* - to go toward the St. Martin's Fund

Salem's Worship and Music committee is on Summer break and will resume meeting in August.



Salem Confirmation: The 2019-20 confirmation year for 7-9th Grade students will begin in September, and there will be a few changes. Salem Confirmation class will no longer be joint with Our Savior's as it has been. Confirmation class for Salem's 7-9th Grade students will be held at Salem on Wednesday evenings, September-April. Pastor Matt will be in touch with the Salem confirmation families with more information.

Salem's Council is on Summer break and will resume meeting in August.

Pastor's Summer Office Hours: Pastor Matt will be at Salem Monday-Thursday, and on-call for emergencies only Friday-Sunday throughout the Summer months. In the month of July, Pastor Matt will be away for continuing education/vacation from July 22 - August 1.



Salem's Weekday Hours of Operation Schedule:

Mondays 9am-11:30am; Tuesdays 9am-12pm; Wednesdays 9am-3pm; Fridays 9am-3pm

Salem will be open and accessible during these hours, and Salem's Office Administrator or a volunteer will be in the office. Call during these hours to ensure an answer, or you may leave a message on the answering machine outside of these hours and we will get back to you promptly. As always, you can contact Salem any time through e-mail, at: slcelca@msn.com. Visit our website for the most up-to-date announcements: slcmonte.org. *Please note the Salem office will be closed in recognition of certain holidays. In the month of July, the Salem office will be closed on Friday, July 5th; however, Salem will be open for Friday morning coffee at 10 a.m. on July 5th.*



Salem and Friends Relay for Life Team Captain: Salem and Friends Relay for Life team is looking for a new team captain as our current team captain, Carol Westberg, would like to retire from this role. Carol is happy to help train and guide the new captain, or co-captains. If you are interested in more information about fulfilling this role, please contact Carol: carolwestberg@hotmail.com, 320-226-1493

Salem and Friends Relay Team Named "Rising Star Team": Congratulations to Salem and Friends Relay for Life team on being named this year's "Rising Star" for the Chippewa Yellow-Medicine Counties Relay for Life!

Salem Apparel Ordering: The Salem clothing order form has been sent in. If you placed an order, we will contact you once your item(s) have arrived! Thank you for your order!

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Upcoming Events

Pie Day at Luther Haven and Copper Glen: Each July, Salem hosts a 'pie day' for residents at Luther Haven and Copper Glen in Montevideo. This year's Pie Day will be Tuesday, July 16 at 1:30 p.m. We are in need of volunteers to donate pies and serve pies at both Luther Haven and Copper Glen. If you would like to donate a pie, or donate your time serving pie, please contact the Salem office to be added to the volunteer list. The volunteer list will also be available at Salem during worship.



Salem's Meal Ministry 'The Table': Salem hosts a free community breakfast on the last Saturday of each month (8:30-10 a.m.). Everyone is welcome to join us! **Our July breakfast will be on Saturday, July 27, 8:30-10 a.m.** Volunteers cook and serve these breakfasts; if you are interested in volunteering, a sign-up sheet is available at Salem, or you may contact the Salem office. To view the volunteer list/date options online, go to our website (www.slcmonte.org) and select the "Community" header at the top of the webpage, where you will find information about 'The Table'.



Friday Morning Coffee WILL meet the week of the 4th of July: There will be coffee on Friday, July 5th

No Men's Breakfast and Bible Study at The River's on Thursday, July 4th.

Salem E-Giving



SALEM PROVIDES E-GIVING TO MAKE
YOUR OFFERING EASIER AND MORE
CONVENIENT THAN EVER!

GIVE+

SALEM'S ONLINE AND MOBILE GIVING OPTIONS ARE SERVICED BY
VANCO PAYMENT SERVICES, MAKING IT SAFE AND SECURE. VANCO'S GIVE+ SERVICE IS TRUSTED BY
20,000+ CHURCHES!



To Access Salem's Online Giving:

Open Salem's website: www.slcmonte.org

Click the green "Salem Give+" button

Salem's online giving page will open. Follow the on-screen instructions.

To Access Salem's Mobile Giving:

Using your smartphone, scan the provided QR code (at left).

Salem's mobile giving page will open. Follow the on-screen instructions.

SALEM GIVE+

Contact Salem to volunteer to serve at one of our upcoming Community Breakfasts! On Salem's website, click the "Community" tab to see date options.



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FREE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Last Saturday of Every Month 8:30-10 a.m.
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Weekly Coffee & Treats

In Salem's
Strombeck Room

Friday
Mornings
At 10 a.m.



SALEM'S COUNCIL meets on the third Wednesday of each month, August-May. Council is on Summer break and will resume meeting in August. Council minutes are posted to Salem's website under the "Member Resources" header.

SALEM PRAYER CHAIN

The Salem Prayer Chain is a volunteer group of Salem members who pray by request for the needs of others. Prayer requests may be for yourself or someone else, and may be for healing or other challenges in life.

Requests can remain anonymous if you wish, and privacy of individuals is always respected. Please contact Ruby Flickinger at 269-2220 or 226-8591, or Arlys Tilberg at 269-8440 with any requests you may have. This is different from the Sunday prayers listed in the bulletin. To be included in the Sunday prayers, please call: 269-7624 or e-mail: slcelca@msn.com.



MOMS OF MONTEVIDEO AREA

This open group for moms of young children meets at Salem on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month, September - May. Currently on Summer break.

BIBLE STUDY



The Men's Breakfast and Bible Study is an open men's group that meets on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 a.m. at The Rivers in Montevideo. Together, they eat breakfast, have conversation and then Bible Study. The Bible Study is usually about the Bible text for the upcoming Sunday with conversation about how it applies to current events and daily life.

Coffee Fellowship Bible Study is an open Bible Study group which meets at Salem on the second Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. This group, formerly known as the "Salem Women's Luncheon," is now a coffee fellowship Bible Study and is open to everyone, men and women of all ages.

SALEM QUILTERS

Open Group: Every Tuesday At 10 a.m. If you have a scissor, needles, and are able to tie a knot, you can join the Salem Quilters! This group is on Summer break through July; resume meeting in August.



STAYING CONNECTED WITH SALEM

SALEM'S WEEKDAY OFFICE HOURS

- Mondays: 9am - 11:30am
- Tuesdays: 9am - 12pm
- Wednesdays: 9am - 3pm
- Fridays: 9am - 3pm



Please note that Salem's office hours have changed/expanded. Outside of office hours, you may leave a message on our answering machine or e-mail us at: slcelca@msn.com, and we will promptly respond!

SALEM SUNDAY SCHOOL

PreK (age 3) - Grade 6

8:30 a.m. September-May

Currently on Summer break.

SALEM'S SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesdays at 6:30pm

- 1st Service: Traditional service with Communion
- 2nd Service: *Blended service without Communion
- 3rd Service: Traditional service with Communion
- 4th Service: *Blended service without Communion

**A "blended" service is a more contemporary-style service, and throughout the Summer, these services will be in the Social Hall.*

Fellowship time will follow each service.

SALEM ON CABLE ACCESS CHANNEL 180

Salem worship can be viewed on:

Wednesdays at 9 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Fridays at 9 a.m.



**SALEM NEWS DEADLINES: Bulletin Announcements - Fridays at 10am;
Newsletter Announcements - 18th of the Month; Calendar changes and website or
Facebook posts can be submitted at any time (may not post same day)**



Find Salem on the web at: www.slcmonte.org

Salem's website is updated weekly with current news, announcements and event information!

Find us on Facebook [@slcmonte](https://www.facebook.com/slcmonte) and "Like" + "Follow" our page! Salem also has a Facebook group; find Salem's Facebook group by searching "[slcmonte](https://www.facebook.com/slcmonte)" in the Facebook search bar and click to "Join." We will see your request and add you to the group!



To receive "news" e-mails, please send us an e-mail with your name to: slcelca@msn.com to be added to our e-mail list! If you have done this, and are still not seeing the e-mails in your inbox, please check your "junk" folder.

Salem has made use of a service called "remind" which helps to keep you informed by sending texts directly to your phone. These texts are not frequent, likely only a few per month depending on what Salem has going on.



To join the remind groups, please do the following:

- For announcements, text this: [@slcmonte](https://www.facebook.com/slcmonte) to: **81010** (or to the number 320-334-2145)
- For Sunday School, text this: [@salemsu](https://www.facebook.com/salemsu) to: **81010** (or to the number 320-334-2145)

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