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Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at the banquet table of the Lord. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

What a beautiful week this has been; wouldn't you agree? It was so nice to have a break from the scorching heat. On Tuesday evening, Jill and I went out to dinner and ate outside on the deck of one of the little restaurants near the church. It was a beautiful evening, and Jill even started to get a little cold. Now, that hasn't happened in several months! I pray that you, too, have been able to enjoy a little of the outdoors this week and enjoy God's incredible world.

Speaking of God's world, our Gospel text for this coming Sunday is Luke 14:1, 7-14. This is a wonderful story about how God expects us to act and treat others in this world. But you know, it is a story that we can easily assume doesn't apply to us. Jesus has been invited to a banquet, and when he arrives there he discovers that there are many important and very elite people there, and so Jesus takes the opportunity to teach these people about how they should be humble and should not think too highly of themselves. He also takes the time to instruct the host on who he should invite to his banquets. Now, I don't know about you, but I am not exactly a part of the social elite and I do not give banquets, so I really do not have to worry about who I should invite to my parties.

But the reality of this lesson is that, in a world where it is estimated that about 1.2 billion people go hungry every day, you and I are considered the well-to-do, those with abundance, by world standards. In this lesson, I believe Jesus is speaking to us. He is challenging us to find ways to invite people into our lives who need us. He is challenging us to open the doors of our church here at Salem to people who can offer us nothing. He is challenging us to give ourselves away. Now, if you are like that Pharisee who invited Jesus to this banquet that day, I know I am, you are probably thinking, If I give everything away, then what will I get in return? Or how will Salem survive if we give everything away? Great questions! For Jesus, the answer lies in our faith.

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A few weeks ago, we heard Jesus say, "From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded" (Luke 12:48). God has provided us much, and he desires that you and I share our gifts with the world. We have already been given all we need, and God challenges us to see that he will ALWAYS provide. He has entrusted us with much. As a faith community that has been sharing its gifts for over 125 years, I pray that we may continue to recognize our gifts and finds ways to invite those in need to our banquets.

May you have a blessed and glorious week.

Shalom,

Pastor Dave



MLM and Hollis Renewal Center are sponsoring a charity golf tournament. Friday October 1st at Painted Hills Golf course.

Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon, with a tee off scramble at 1:00pm, contests, prizes, cart, green fees and more are all included for \$80.00. There will be a Chili dinner following the event at Hollis. Salem needs to **register by September 11** otherwise the price goes up to \$95.00. Please contact Ken Hutzell (cell 530-9126, home 254-0341) to register. You can still work in the morning and play golf in the afternoon.

Women's Bible Study

Friday, September 10 at 9:00am

All women are invited to attend Friday, September 10 at 9:00am. For information on location and topic, please contact Vaunda Palmer at womens-bible-study@salemlutheran-ks.org.

Highlights: Aug. 29 - Sep. 5

Men's Breakfast: All men are invited to attend the monthly Men's Breakfast group Saturday, September 5th at 8:00am **at Santa Fe Café** (9946 W. 87th St.). The group typically meets on the first Saturday of each month for a delicious breakfast and fellowship time. Bring ideas of what you might like to do during this fellowship time the year. If you have any questions, please contact Paul Trana at mens-club@salemlutheran-ks.org.

FOOD PANTRY

Sunday, September 5!

It's that time again to stock the shelves of the Johnson County food pantry. North Central Multi-Service Center is requesting donations for the following items for September: cereal, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, mixed vegetables, canned kidney beans, soups, rice and dried beans.

Feeding the Hungry September 18th

Salem will be serving on Saturday, September 18th at the Children's Memorial Lutheran Church. Kelly Brende is again coordinating this meal. We need many volunteers to help prepare and serve the meal to approximately 200 hungry souls. The meal will consist of turkey and ham sandwiches, pasta salad, chips, bananas and lemonade.

It takes approximately 40-60 people to accomplish this much needed outreach event - can you help? New this month will be an on-line sign-up sheet on Salem's website in addition to a sign-up sheet located in the church Narthex or contact Kelly Brende (kbrende@kc.rr.com or 766-6153).



- **Fill Out**
- **Tear off**
- **Place in Offering Plate**

Bibles for Preschool

Starting this year, Salem will present Bibles to 3 year old students entering Sunday School. The presentation will take place on September 12th. If you have a child that began Sunday School prior to this program and would like to purchase one of these Bibles, complete the attached form and include payment of \$23.00 **or** order online from Augsburg. Put the order form and payment in the offering plate. Last day to order through Salem is September 5th. See Michelle Russell to see a copy.

Name

Number of Preschool Bibles

Total amount paid

Marriage and Communication Class

**Sunday's starting
September 12th at 9:30am
or Wednesday's starting
September 15th at 6:50pm**

Marriage and Communication Class starting Sundays September 12th at 9:30am AND Wednesday Evenings starting September 15th at 6:50pm for 6 weeks.

Class will be based upon great Communication Tips taught and modeled by Jesus and by concepts discussed in Marshall Rosenberg's writings and lectures

Please contact Victor, faith-coord@salemlutheran-ks.org, for more information and make sure and sign up early. Class size will be limited!

Weekly High School Fellowship Event

**Sunday, September 12th
at 4:00pm**

Sr. High Youth are encouraged to be a part of this fellowship. There will be lots of fun, group building times and deep discussions.

We'll need parents and other adults to come be a part, on a rotating basis to act as chaperones and to share in the fun and the discussion.

Adult Choir Kick-off

Wednesday, September 8 at 6:00pm

Calling all singers - including High School youth! The adult choir will have a potluck dinner kick-off for our first rehearsal in Koinonia Hall at 6pm Wednesday, September 8.

Please bring your favorite dish and your family - we will eat, be merry, and make music together until around 7:30pm. Our regular rehearsals will begin the next week as part of the Wednesday eve family program, following dinner and worship (approx. 6:45-7:45pm). I am looking forward to singing with everyone - I hope all current choir members can come, and enthusiastically invite new singers to join us! Please contact Heather Lewis with any questions: (913) 485-2739 or worship-dir@salemlutheran-ks.org.

Adult Book Club

**Wednesday, September 8 at 7:00pm
Location: Koinonia Conference room**

**Book: "Friendship Cake"
by Lynne J. Hinton**

Please join us Wednesday, September 8th at 7:00pm to discuss the book. Five church going women from Hope Springs, NC animate this humorous, poignant tale of coming to terms with one's weaknesses, honoring the fragility of life, loving passionately, laughing through tears, and thinking with the heart.

Any adult who loves to read, have a friendly conversation is invited to attend. By the way, it is not required that you read the book to join in the discussion. Bring a book suggestion with you to share. For additional information, please contact Janice VanLaningham or Beverly Renner.

Attention all 9th graders:

Friday, September 10th at 6:00pm

Please join your 9th grade Confirmation class on Friday, September 10th, from 6:00-10:00 p.m. Dinner will be provided, followed by instruction, discussion and fellowship. Meghan Harmison, Pastor and a few other guides will be there to aid in brainstorming ideas for speeches and giving guidance on what to write. We will also choose Bible verses that are meaningful to you. Please bring your Bibles, a notebook and writing utensil.

Salem Landscaping Project!

**Saturday, September 11
starting at 8:00am**

Salem is looking for some individuals who like to get dirty. The LARGER the group of volunteers the more fun we will have and the project will go quicker. Salem is needing help with landscaping the weekend after Labor Day, Saturday, September 11th. Drinks and snacks will be provided. If you have any of the following items please bring them with you: shovel, spade, rake, gloves, wheel barrow, etc.

Seniors Lunch

**Wednesday, September 14 at 11:30am
Location: Koinonia Fellowship room**

All Salem Seniors (55+) and friends are invited to attend; bring a covered dish (picnic style) or dessert to share with all. We will provide meat for the BBQ. Come ready to elect officers for the upcoming year. Any questions, please contact Bob Roediger (seniors@salemlutheran-ks.org)

Stewardship Corner:

In an effort to highlight what Salem is doing in the area of mission and stewardship with the gifts we have been blessed with, each week the new Stewardship Team will highlight one of the ministries we are involved with here at Salem and share the cost of conducting that ministry. We will call this section, "Did You Know?"

Did You Know?

On September 15, we are blessed with a new Confirmation class of approximately 12 students. On October 31, we confirm seven students who have completed their two years of study. Confirmation is a two-year program that utilizes the work of seven to eight lay leaders, in addition to our pastor. The lay leaders offer at least two hours of their time *each week* during the school year, plus additional time for special events such as service projects and retreats. We are so grateful for their dedication to our youth. When it comes to the financial side of this ministry, Salem spends approximately \$248 per student. Wow! That is a total cost of over \$2700 annually!

Next Weeks
Worship Assistants
September 5

Altar Guild: Erin Shaffer
& Jill Whetter

8:00am

Acolyte: Margaret Haneberg

Crucifer: Margaret Haneberg

Lector: Chris Hahn

Communion: Reggie & Cindy
Ferree

Ushers: Julie Roediger
& Alan Uhl

Greeters: Kevin & Erin Shaffer

9:30am

Acolyte: Carter Jacobson

Crucifer: Jillian Jacobson

Lector: Lynn Ross

Communion: BJ & Terri
Fevold, Rod & Ellen Odom,
Steve Atzeni

Ushers: Ray & Carola Wilkins

Greeters: Steve & Tracey
Atzeni

Nursery Help: Hope Erickson

Children's Church: Tracy Cory
& Sarah Harmison

Encountering God
on Wednesday Nights

Beginning September 15th, Salem will kick off Wednesday evenings with a meal at 6:00 pm and an uplifting intergenerational praise and worship at 6:30pm.

There will be group activities for:

- preschool through 6th grade
- Junior High will attend confirmation
- Senior High is invited to be Jr. Guides for confirmation, sing in the choir, or assist with one of the children's groups
- Adult opportunities include a class, choir or leadership and volunteer opportunities in support of the Wednesday night activities
- Nursery will be provided.

Attention Parents of
3rd Grade Students

The Psalmist wrote, "Your word is a lamp unto my feet and light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105). This year, you will fulfill one of the baptismal promises you made at your child's baptism, by placing God's Word, the light of the world, in their hands. In order to prepare for the 3rd grade Bible Presentation on October 10, Pastor Dave will be hosting a three-night class for your 3rd grade student, and you, on September 21, 28, and October 5. During the classes Pastor Dave will not only teach your child how to use their bible, but they will also highlight one key verse in EVERY book in the bible. It will be a fun class for everyone. The classes will be held on Sept. 21, 28 and October 5 from 6:30- 8:00 pm. Childcare will be available. Please **RSVP by September 14th** to Kathy to reserve your spot.

(salem-secretary@salemlutheran-ks.org)

This Week's Activities (Highlight details on page 3)

August 22 - August 29

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
Sun.	08/29	8:00am	Early Service	Sanctuary
		9:30am	Late Service	Sanctuary
		5:00pm	Riddle/Logan Wedding	Parkville
Mon.	08/30	10:00am	Staff meeting	Koinonia Study Room
		6:30pm	Stewardship meeting	Koinonia Conference room
Tue.	08/31	9:00am	Staff Phone Training	Koinonia Hall
		6:30pm	Worship Band	Sanctuary
		7:00pm	BSA Troop 401	Luther Fellowship Hall
Wed.	09/01	6:30pm	PMC meeting	Koinonia Conference room
		6:30pm	125th Anniversary mtg.	Koinonia Fellowship room
Thu.	09/02	7:00pm	WELCA planning mtg.	Koinonia Fellowship room
Sat.	09/04	8:00am	Men's Breakfast	Santa Fe Cafe
Sun.	09/05	8:00am	Early Service	Sanctuary
		9:30am	Late Service	Sanctuary

You, creator God, are sovereign. Teach us your ways and help us walk in the paths you desire us to follow.

Salem seeking Child Care Coordinator

Salem is seeking a Child Care Coordinator to schedule, coordinate and supervise childcare services during Sunday worship services, Wednesday evening "all-church" functions, and other events where supervised nursery is needed. The position requires a commitment of at least 4 hours per week. Responsibilities include providing safe and loving childcare for infants and children of members and friends of Salem, and recruitment and training of nursery volunteers. A full description can be located on our website. If you or someone you know has an interest in this position, please contact Paula Hahn at council-sec@salemlutheran-ks.org.

Seeking Salem Historical photos

The 125th Anniversary committee is looking for confirmation, 1st communion, baptism and general photos prior to the 1980's pictures to preserve in albums to be kept and displayed at the church. Confirmation, 1st Communion or Baptism pictures can be given to Angela Osheim. All other photos can be given to Vaunda Palmer or Cheryl Padgett. You can also give them to the church office. We will scan them in and return them to you.

Last Week's Blessing:

Attendance Sunday Services:

8:00 - 50 9:30 - 111 Total: 161

General Offering:	\$3,917.00
Capital Offering:	\$2,618.67

Jul. Gen. Fund YTD Actual	
Income:	\$ 133,983.29
Expense:	\$ 183,855.51
Surplus/Deficit:	\$ (49,872.22)
Avg. weekly Operating Exp.:	\$7,732.92