

# The Salem News

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## **Weekly Church Schedule**

### **Sunday:**

9-9:15am-Coffee Fellowship

9:15am-Confirmation 7<sup>th</sup> grade

9:15am-Sunday School, 2 years-102!

10:30am-Worship Service

### **Wednesday:**

6pm-Supper (during the school year)

6:30-8pm-AWANA, 3yr's.-6<sup>th</sup> grade (during the school year)

6:30pm-Youth Group 7<sup>th</sup>-12 grade

7pm-Adult Bible Study

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The Newsletter of Salem Covenant Church

*Loving God; Loving Others*

The Old has Gone, the New has Come!



Here we are at the end and the beginning i.e., the end of the old year and the beginning of the new. As you reflect on the past year what comes to mind?

For me it surely the many joyful events that took place here at Salem in 2016. Among them was the celebration of God's faithfulness as we celebrated 145 years in this place. I rejoiced with all of you as we welcomed brand new little ones into our midst. Yes there was much to be joyful about.

At the same time we recall with somber reflection all of those that we said goodbye to. There were many from our church families and our community at large who we remember fondly. Peace to their memories.

Yes the old has gone and the new has come. The Apostle Paul reminds us of that in 2 Corinthians 5:17-19. *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself not counting men's sins against them."*

Just as the old year is gone and a new one begins, giving your life over to Jesus and making Him your Lord and Leader, your old life gives way and a new one begins! It's true! The old is gone and the new has come!

As you look forward to the coming year 2017, I pray that you will experience the Lord in new, refreshing, and life giving ways. Because of Christ we can be reconciled to the Father. And when we are reconciled to the Father we can surely experience the peace and presence of the Lord our God.

May you know His peace, His presence, and His love for you in Christ Jesus in 2017.

On the journey with you,

*Pastor Mike*

Pastor Mike McCain

# MISSION MOMENTS

By Kent Syverson

From 2016 into 2017

A letter from Most Rev. Eduardo Kussala, South Sudan: **May God bless you with peace and joy as you honor him this Christmas.** Christmas may be past, but Christ is still here. The people of South Sudan celebrate Christmas as we do. Unfortunately, they are far from home. Some had to worship in small, windowless chapels with makeshift altars. Some in tents in refugee camps. The least fortunate in caves or in the bush. "The peace we prayed would come has yet to arrive." In the past three years, some crops have gone unplanted. Those that have were burned. "As a result, we are a breath away from famine in the region." The children are severely malnourished. The people endure terrible suffering. "Yet, we have not given up hope. We have hope in Christ and our Holy Mother Church who remains with us even in our suffering." Please pray for them.



A letter from *Hope Pregnancy Center* November 21, 2016: **Why Hope?** They are a Christ centered Non-Profit outreach. They receive no taxpayer funding. They have been in the community since 1975. They have had name changes and have relocated, **"but our strong commitment to life has never changed."** They have grown within the community and are able to provide more services. They don't stop with just pregnancies, they continue on with their True Value Parenting program. "Helping to build stronger families both emotionally and spiritually in our communities." Please pray for them.

A brochure from *Food For the Poor, Inc.:* **Love heals.** Faith was abandoned at birth in the hospital by her parents in Guyana. Anand was abandoned by his birth mother at a market in Guyana. Juan was the son of an alcoholic, drug using prostitute in El Salvador, who died when he was four. His grandmother and uncle tried to keep him, but they were too poor to feed him or buy him medicine for his breathing problems. Dulce was seven when her mother and sister were gunned down by gang members in Guatemala. Dakenson, then four, was found living in dangerous streets in Haiti. Yersel, then six, was threatened by extreme poverty in Nicaragua. All these children were brought to an orphanage run by Food For The Poor. They are now getting food, and education, medical care, and most importantly, hope and love. Please pray for them.



Solid Rock at Lake Beauty Bible Camp has already scheduled their trip to the Holy Land for 2018. **Land of the Bible. 14-Day Extensive Study Tour of Israel.** It will be January 14-27, 2018. Price list: \$4078 from New York/JFK, or \$4273 from Minneapolis. These prices include U.S. and International taxes/fuel and gratuities. Additional departure cities are available upon request. For more information contact Tyler Menssen at 507-327-2143 or [tyler@solidrockmn.org](mailto:tyler@solidrockmn.org). To register online: [RegisterNow.ittworld.com](http://RegisterNow.ittworld.com). Tour Code: SolidRock18

## Remember to Pray & Visit our Home Bound, Assisted Living & Nursing Home

### Bethesda Grand

Josie Tollefsrud - #206  
Lorraine Watkins - #123

### Bethesda Pleasant View

Maybelle Broberg - #103

### Copperleaf Senior Living

Liz Rundquist - #206

### Centennial Square

Dorothy Riley - #159

### Home

Nora Torkelson

## Praying for our Covenant National Missionaries

Jan. 1 – Erick & Bethany Abramson – Evangelism & Outreach. 2017 Fundraising.

Jan. 8 - Gary & Pauline Carlson – Church Planting; Theological Education; Evangelism & Outreach. 1983-present.

Jan. 15 – Paul & Gretchen DeNeui – Director, Center for World Christian Studies; Professor of Missiology and Intercultural Studies, North Park Theological Seminary. 1978-present.

Jan. 22 – Carl & Karen Groot – Church Planting; Evangelism & Outreach; Business as Mission. 1988-present.

Jan. 29 – John & Letha Kerl – Regional Coordinators. 1981-present.

## January 2017 Family Prayer List

- 1 Madison Radtke
- 2 Scott & Rachel Rambow, Wyatt, Addie & Coltt
- 3 Dorothy Riley
- 4 Dwayne & Barb Riley
- 5 Dan & Sue Roepke
- 6 Ron & Gail Roepke
- 7 Austin & Courtney Rothers
- 8 Kara Rothers, Heather, Bethany & Sara
- 9 Liz Rundquist
- 10 Chad Sandvig
- 11 Marvin & Barb Sandvig
- 12 Don & Martha Schemmel
- 13 Mason Schemmel
- 14 Pat & Glennys Schemmel
- 15 Russell Schemmel
- 16 Jake & Alli Stricherz
- 17 Brian & Kelly Sweere, Levi, Logan & Lexi
- 18 Kent Syverson
- 19 Mark & Denise Te Brake, Allegra & Chandler
- 20 Nathan & Kari Thompson, Landon & Lexie
- 21 Gerry & Joann Tofte
- 22 Whitney Tofte
- 23 Dan Toledo
- 24 Steve & Jan Toledo
- 25 Aaron & Rachel Tollefsrud, Grace & Jonah
- 26 Josie Tollefsrud
- 27 Lee & Stephanie Tollefsrud, Kylee, Kody & Kayla
- 28 Ryan & Erin Tollefsrud, Owen
- 29 Nora Torkelson
- 30 Don & Carmen Van Zee
- 31 Lorraine Watkins



### January Anniversaries

- 2<sup>nd</sup> 7 yrs Elliot & Erin Ballance  
3<sup>rd</sup> 13 yrs Lee & Stephanie Tollefsrud



### January Birthdays

- 1 Jerome Carlson
- 1 Katelyn Beckman
- 9 John Kliver
- 13 Lynette Braun
- 15 Jonah Tollefsrud
- 16 Samantha Beckman
- 18 Gavin Broberg
- 19 Joanne Tofte
- 19 Grace Tollefsrud
- 20 Nathan Thompson
- 22 Dan Roepke
- 23 Jill Carlson
- 25 Cooper Peterson
- 26 Lee Tollefsrud
- 29 Jean Halverson
- 29 Marc Beckman
- 29 Austin Rothers
- 30 Pat Schemmel

## January Servers 2017

### Greeters

- 1 Connie McCain
- 8 Craig & Renee Johnson
- 15 Ethan & Sharon Calvin
- 22 Bill & Dorothy Broberg
- 29 Derrick & Kyle Broberg & Kevin Fuchs



### Nursery

- 1 Barb Sandvig & Kelly Sweere
- 8 Ron & Karen Johnson
- 15 Kara Rothers & Girls
- 22 Chad & Rochelle Kallstrom
- 29 Duane & Brianna Holmgren



### Ushers

\* Warren Johnson, Lane Johnson, Jesse Hulscher, Howard Carlson, Steve Geurtz, Lucas Friedlein, Dan Toledo, John Kliver & Todd Johnson. \*Denotes head usher



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## January Coming Events



Salem has the month of January 2017 for "Meals on Wheels". If you are able to help, please sign up on the bulletin board.

### Sunday, January 1

11:30am – Paulette Johnson & Dorothy Broberg, Sanders Family Christmas.

### Tuesday, January 3

7pm – CE Board meeting with both the former & newly elected board members.

### Sunday, January 8

Secretary & Treasurer annual reports are due. Please email your report to Bernadette at [salemcovenant@mvtvwireless.com](mailto:salemcovenant@mvtvwireless.com). If you don't have email please put your report in Bernadette's church mailbox.



2-4pm – 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Open House at Salem in honor of Erv & Cathie Kallstrom!



### Tuesday, January 10

7pm – Executive Board meeting with both the former & newly elected board members. Downstairs in the fellowship hall.

### Friday, January 13-Saturday, January 14

4:30pm – Depart from Salem for the Confirmation Retreat at Lake Beauty Bible Camp, Long Prairie.  
Depart for home around 3pm on Saturday.

### Wednesday, January 18

*An AWANA coordinator is needed to replace Taya Broberg after being head commander since 2012. If you are interested, please contact Taya at 320-368-0801 for more information.*



6pm–Need someone to volunteer to make supper. Please contact Dorothy Broberg at 264-5492 if you can help out! THANK YOU!

### Sunday, January 22

11:30am – Potluck dinner

12:30pm – Annual Business meeting

### Tuesday, January 31 AND Friday, February 3

6pm – Salem serves supper & provides activities at New London Covenant Church for Family Promise. Please let Linda Friedlein know if you are willing to help, by calling her at 235-7166.



We are currently in need of volunteer drivers to pick up donations at our local grocery stores. These shifts will take anywhere from 1-2 hours from start to finish. We are looking for individuals with a van or truck. This is perfect for a team to work together to go to the stores and pick up donations. Several of these are temporary for 1-2 months and then as an on call basis. We will provide full training for those that are interested in helping out and mileage reimbursement is available. Our current list of openings are as follows:

Monday: Cub Foods 8:30am and Wal-Mart 10:00am

Tuesday: Cub Foods 8:30am and Cashwise 9:30am

Wednesday: Cub Foods 8:30am and Wal-Mart 10:00am

Friday: Cub Foods 8:30am and Cashwise 9:30am

We are also in need of Back Room Assistants to help with unloading the trucks as they come in from the stores, Monday through Friday from 8:00am-12:00pm. Flexibility is available as always. We are so grateful for any help that we can get. If anyone is interested they can stop in, call or email Denise. The phone number is 320-235-2641 or email [denise@willmarafs.org](mailto:denise@willmarafs.org)

Thank you so much for your continued support of our mission to help our neighbors in need.

**Denise Kelly**, Volunteer Coordinator, Willmar Area Food Shelf, 320-235-2641, [denise@willmarafs.org](mailto:denise@willmarafs.org)