

The Salem News

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Sunday:

9-9:15am-Coffee Fellowship
9:15am-Confirmation 7th grade
9:15am-Sunday School, 2 years-102!
10:30am-Worship Service

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Loving God; Loving Others

“What’s the Priority??”

*“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you as well.”
- Matthew 6:33*

This time of year is always full of graduations and significant transitions as winter (at least in Minnesota) transitions to spring and summer, graduates finish school and move on to college or new careers, and life (hopefully) shifts into a more laid-back, relaxed pace for the summertime. Transitions often invite reflection on one’s priorities. From the somewhat innocuous “What do we want to do this summer?” to the more serious “What do I want to do with my LIFE?”, these questions are issues of priorities.

At the conclusion of this year’s Baccalaureate service for the KMS seniors, each of the pastors was asked to give a blessing to the graduating class. The Lord impressed on my heart the verse above for the Senior Class, that they would have the right priorities to “Seek first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you.”

In this annual time of transition, God’s Word calls us to focus (or refocus) on the ***first*** priority – Seeking Him. If the first priority is achieved, then the second and third can follow. But if the first priority is wrong, then we may miss out on achieving any of our priorities, because we value them wrongly. In more practical terms, if I always take the little breaks during my day to read the news or check email or social media, then I may not have time to read my Bible or pray. Those things are not necessarily bad, but if they cause us to neglect Scripture and prayer, they can lead us to evil.

When I graduated from high school, I received a copy of “My Utmost for His Highest”, a devotional by Oswald Chambers. He writes about this verse:

When we look at these words of Jesus, we immediately find them to be the most revolutionary that human ears have ever heard. “...seek first the kingdom of God...” Even the most spiritually-minded of us argue the exact opposite, saying “But I *must* live; I *must* make a certain amount of money; I *must* be clothed; I *must* be fed.” The great concern of our lives is not the kingdom of God but how we are going to take care of ourselves to live. Jesus reversed the order by telling us to get the right relationship with God first, maintaining it as the primary concern of our lives, and never to place our concern on taking care of the other things of life.

Chambers continues, “It is one of the most difficult, yet critical, disciplines of the Christian life to allow the Holy Spirit to bring us into absolute harmony with the teaching of Jesus in these verses.” May the Lord help us to focus and refocus on seeking Him first as the priority of our lives.

On the Journey with you,

Pastor Andy

MISSION MOMENTS

By Kent Syverson

Remember DAD on his day.

A letter from *Live Action*: Although this isn't a mission, the message here is too great to ignore. Lila Rose is the President of Live Action They are on a mission to end Planned Parenthood "once and for all." She said, "**We're exposing the truth.**" They discovered that Planned Parenthood actually works "**assisting pimps, covering up rape and even turning a blind eye to child sex-trafficking.**" "Rather than helping these girls--as the law requires--Planned Parenthood was willing to victimize them all over again." Live Action has produced videos that show what abortion is really like, because some women don't figure it out until it's too late. The videos are neither sensationalized nor exaggerated. They are unbiased accounts from a doctor who used to perform them. MORE:

A second letter from Dr. Anthony Levantino, MD: He is OB/GYN. During his residency and first five years of private practice, he performed about 1,200 abortions. He used to tell himself these excuses: "We need the money." "I'm not pro-abortion, I'm pro-woman." "Abortion is only a tiny part of what I do as a doctor." Meanwhile, he and his wife were struggling with infertility. Finally, they were able to adopt a baby girl, whom they named Heather. But then, on June 23, 1984, Heather went outside after dinner to play. She was hit by a car. They tried everything they could to save her, but she didn't make it. Several days later, Dr. Levantino was back at work, and it was his turn to perform an abortion. He pulled out a baby's arm. "Then I got sick. I literally got sick. . .all I could see was that this was someone's son or daughter." Now he knew he had just killed an innocent child. Since then, he joined Live Action, and he teamed up with Lila Rose "to be a voice for preborn babies and the women who face risks to their health and safety because of abortion." Please pray for them.

A letter from *40 Days For Life* : A caller from Indiana had decided to donate a "fairly new Ford Hurricane V-10 RV." This phone call was "out of the blue," and an answer to prayer. That vehicle became the 40 Days for Life Bus. In the fall of 2016, they traveled over 18,500 miles to hold rallies in all 50 states (I wonder if they took it to Hawaii). At every stop they make, people sign their names on the bus. "And when people see that it's covered heat-to-toe in signatures. . .they know they're not alone." In California, their biggest state, they held 41 campaigns! One stop had 350 people in attendance! Abortion facilities shut down when they came to town, and eight abortion workers quit! Please pray for them.

Psalm 139:13 says, "*For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.*"

Praying for our Covenant National Missionaries

June 4 Robert McLeod – Music Education. 2016-present

June 11 Lisandro & Patricia Restrepo – Christian Leadership Development; Christina Formation; Community Development; Evangelism. 2003-present.

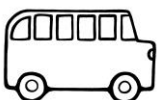
June 18 Timothy & Helen Smith – Christina Formation; Community Development. 1984-present.

June 25 Alejandro & Amanda Velasco – Assistant Director, Merge. 2009-present.

Looking for 2-3 volunteers for a narthex (gathering area) redesign committee. The current space is limited and there are safety concerns. Please join us with your talents and thoughts regarding this endeavor. Please contact Eric Peterson or Barb Gunderson.

Salem Serve-Contact Eric Peterson if you have odd jobs at home or the farm for the Camp Kids or Men's Ministry to do-no job too small!

"Freezer Refill Needed!" More hot dishes are needed that the hospitality group uses. If you are able to make one, please put your hot dish in the gym kitchenette chest freezer.



Church bus drivers are needed for the months of July and Aug. Please call Don Schemmel at 599-4185 if you can help out.

June 2017 Family Prayer List

- 1 Aaron Fuchs
- 2 Bob & Bernadette Fuchs
- 3 Kevin Fuchs
- 4 Michael Fuchs
- 5 Trent & Angela Furney, Jaron & Zee
- 6 Steve & Sheila Geurtz
- 7 Ashley Geurtz
- 8 Dean & Barb Gunderson
- 9 Kelsey Gunderson
- 10 Matthew Gunderson
- 11 Stacy Gunderson
- 12 Mike Haglund
- 13 Ralph & Jean Halverson
- 14 Bruce & Patti Hoaglund
- 15 Doug & Darlene Holmgren
- 16 Duane & Brianna Holmgren, Emma, Lily & Brinley
- 17 Mariann Holmgren
- 18 Steven Holmgren
- 19 Jesse & Maria Hulscher, Henrick & Adler
- 20 Jim & Judy Huseby
- 21 Ardell & Katie Johnson
- 22 Ben & Tia Johnson, Elizabeth, Gideon, Simeon & Anika
- 23 Blake Johnson, Zachery
- 24 Craig & Renee Johnson
- 25 Hannah Johnson, Maddie & Xara
- 26 Harry & Mary Johnson
- 27 Jared & Jessica Johnson
- 28 Jessica Johnson
- 29 Jonah Johnson
- 30 Jordan & Ceena Johnson

June 2017 Greeters

- 4 Ardell & Katie Johnson
- 11 Alan & Jill Carlson
- 18 Don & Donna Friedlein
- 25 Marv & Barb Sandvig

June 2016 Nursery?? waiting for Rachel R

- 5 Barb Sandvig & Kelly Sweere
- 12 Kara Rothers & Girls
- 19 Ron & Karen Johnson
- 26 Chad & Rochelle Kallstrom

June 2017 Ushers

**Paul Beckman, Jim Huseby, Ethan Calvin, Alan Carlson, Ryan Tollefsrud, Dean Gunderson & Tom Froehlich. *Denotes head usher*



Happy June Anniversary!

- 3rd John & Lucinda Kluver – 28yrs
- 8th Owen & Amber Lu – 4yr
- 12th Eric & Becky Peterson – 13yrs
- 18th Mark & Denise TeBrake – 23yrs
- 18th Jesse & Maria Hulscher – 6yrs
- 19th Marvin & Pat Carlson – 58yrs
- 20th Aaron & Rachel Tollefsrud – 8yr
- 28th Adam & Melanie Dickman – 14yrs
- 29th Trent & Angela Furney – 21yrs
- 30th Craig & Shawn Dischinger – 10yrs



Happy June Birthday!

- 2 Jonathan Broberg
- 2 Matthew Gunderson
- 2 Madilynne Augustson
- 3 Ardell Johnson
- 7 Brian Sweere
- 10 Mason Schemmel
- 10 Aaron Fuchs
- 11 Amber Carlson
- 11 Russell Schemmel
- 12 Dean Gunderson
- 12 Maria Hulscher
- 12 Kali Beckman
- 12 Sara Rothers
- 17 Bev Barnes
- 20 Liz Rundquist
- 20 Patti Hoaglund
- 23 Mark TeBrake
- 23 Aric Arends
- 24 Dwayne Riley
- 25 Steve Toledo
- 26 Kent Syverson
- 30 Brady Akerson



June Coming Events

Sunday, June 4

2pm – Rose Aleshire & Bethany Rothers graduate from KMS High School in Kerkhoven.

Monday, June 5-Friday, June 9 – Community VBS at Kerkhoven Free Church!

5:15-6pm – VBS Supper. **Salem will be serving supper on Thursday, June 8th. Please sign up on the bulletin for those who can help prepare & serve. There is also a snack list to sign up to donate food and a list of craft items that are needed.**

6-8:30pm – VBS (Is free and for ages 3-6th grade)



Saturday, June 10

2-6pm - Allegra Te Brake's Open House Graduation Party at the Brooten Pavilion.

Friday, June 16-Thursday, 22

Salem's mission trip to "Lives Under Construction Boys Ranch" in Lampe, Missouri.

Sunday, June 11-Friday, June 16

Lake Beauty Bible Camp Jr. High Bible Camp 6th-8th gr. Attending are Kylee Tollefsrud & Emma Holmgren

Friday, June 16

5:30pm – Men's Work Event at Salem in the gym. We will be building a New AWANA race track and refinishing other pieces of furniture. Bring a pencil, Type measure, and other wood working tools for an evening of construction, reconstruction and fun. Food and fellowship will be provided. Talk to Craig Dischinger, Eric Peterson, or Brian Friedlein for more information.

Saturday, June 17

7:05pm - "Groomal Bath" in honor of Lucas Friedlein at Salem. All men are welcome!
Any questions please contact Craig Dischinger at 320-420-4012.



Sunday June 18-Thursday June 22

Lake Beauty Bible Camp Trailblazers Bible Camp 3rd – 5th gr. Attending are Quin Peterson, Quin's friend Beau Quisberg, Lexi Sweere, Lily Holmgren & Kody Tollefsrud

Saturday, June 24

Katelyn Beckman & Lucas Friedlein wedding at Salem



Friday, June 30-Monday, July 3

Lake Beauty Bible Camp 4th of July Family Camp! Guest speaker is Pastor Keith Robinson. Since 2004, Rev. Keith Robinson has served as Senior Pastor of Riverwood Covenant Church in Rockford/Greenfield MN, outside the Twin Cities. Keith is also an adjunct professor at his alma mater, University of Northwestern-St Paul, as well as teaching in the Lake Beauty Solid Rock Discipleship program.



July LBBC Campers



Thursday, July 6-Saturday July 8

Lake Beauty Bible Camp Frontier Kids Bible Camp 1st – 3rd gr. Attending are Avery Beyerl, Cooper Peterson, Elizabeth & Gideon Johnson

Remember to Pray & Visit our Nursing Home, Home Bound & Loved Ones

Bethesda Grand

Josie Tollefsrud - #206

Bethesda Pleasant View

Maybelle Broberg - #103

Copperleaf Senior Living

Liz Rundquist - #206

Centennial Square

Dorothy Riley - #159