

# The Salem News

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## **Salem Covenant Church**

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## **Weekly Church Schedule**

### **Sunday:**

9-9:15am-Coffee Fellowship

9:15am-Confirmation 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<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-Heart Association 7<sup>th</sup>-12 grade

7pm-Adult Bible Study

**“Vital Signs”**  
**(First in a Series on Being a “Healthy Missional Church”)**

When was the last time you went to the doctor? I was there just a few weeks ago as a follow-up to my annual physical. As she does during my regular exam, the doctor checked my blood pressure, ordered some blood work, and asked me a number of questions, all of which were designed to check my physical health. In some cases, those tests are simply intended to make sure I’m okay. In other cases, they are used to identify a problem or potential problem, all part of what we call “diagnostics.” Today we have screenings and diagnostics for everything. Take your car or truck to the mechanic and he may hook it up to a machine to “diagnose” the problem. If your computer starts acting strangely, you can run a diagnostic program to find out why. Although we may often associate diagnostics primarily with medicine, the concept is used widely in many different areas of life. It’s even used in ministry.

Salem has had a “vitality team” for some time now, and congregational vitality is a major emphasis of the Evangelical Covenant Church. In fact, the Covenant is recognized world-wide as a leader in this area of Congregational Vitality. As part of that emphasis on vitality, we have identified “Ten Healthy Missional Markers”—ten characteristics of what we call “healthy missional churches.” Think of them as a church’s “vital signs.” But what are these “Missional Markers”? Here’s the list:

Centrality of the Word of God	Compelling Christian Community
Life Transforming Walk with Jesus	Heartfelt Worship
Intentional Evangelism.	Sacrificial Living & Giving
Active Compassion, Mercy, and Justice Ministries	Culture of Godly Leadership
Global Perspective and Engagement	Fruitful Organizational Structures

Because of the vitality work which Salem’s team has been and will be doing, and in order to help pave the way for the call of a new pastor and the future ministry of Salem, over the next several months, we’ll look more closely at each of these Ten Missional Markers. We won’t necessarily take them in order, for reasons that will become clear as we go along. But all are important, and every one of us needs to be familiar with them and be committed to them.

So, watch for next month’s newsletter where we’ll launch into this exploration of being a “healthy missional church” by looking at the importance of a “Culture of Godly Leadership.”

--Pastor Rich Theilen

**“There’s Something About a Name”**  
**The Fall Preaching Series at Salem**

Names are interesting. Some of us have names that have been significant in our family’s history. Others have particular names because our parents liked how they sounded, or because they were popular when we were born. For most of us, though, even if we know what our name actually means, we probably don’t think about it much. For many of us, names are not much more than what we call each other—they identify one person as distinct from another.

In the Bible, though, names often have great significance. For organizations, names can also have great significance. So, starting with worship on Sunday, September 10, we will look at the name “Salem Mission Covenant Church,” and what it says about us and our ministry—past, present, and future. Here is a glimpse at what we will study together:

- September 10: “Church With a Cemetery” (Hebrews 12:1-3)
- September 24: “*Salem*: A Place for Peace” (John 14:27)
- October 1: “*Mission*: Why We’re Even Here” (Matthew 28:18-20)
- October 8: “*Covenant*: Our Extended Family” (Psalm 119:63)
- October 15: “*Church*: There’s No Place Like Home” (I Corinthians 12:27)

Then, starting on October 22, we will turn our attention to a short but fascinating and important book in the Old Testament with a series called, “The Gospel According to Jonah.” We hope you can join us for all these weeks.

## MISSION MOMENTS

By Kent Syverson

Cool! Autumn is coming!



From *An August Update* from Franklin Graham: **TRANSFORMED LIVES, CHILDREN'S HEART PROJECT.** This year marks the 20th Anniversary for Children's Heart Project. Since 1997, they have helped over 1,200 boys and girls worldwide; giving them lifesaving heart surgeries that aren't available in their home countries. It started in Bosnia, after their war for independence from Yugoslavia ended. Children needing surgeries were brought to the United States, and they received their surgeries. They stayed with host families and churches, who shared the gospel with them, and led them to Christ. Translators are also on the team, to help with communication. In 2001, there was civil war in Kosovo, which destroyed their medical system. A girl named Visare, then age 6, was brought to Florida for her surgery. It was successful, but the doctors knew that more surgery would be needed. When she was 13, Visare was brought to Tulsa, Oklahoma for additional surgery. Her host family, Brian and Michelle Leonard, "shared the Good News of Jesus Christ with her, and she prayed to receive him as Lord and Savior." When she was almost 22, she had to return to Tulsa for even more surgery. The same physician put a stint in her heart. Again, she stayed with the Leonards, and she was baptized in their backyard pool. Please pray for them.

Ezekiel 36:26a says, "*And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you.*"

A letter from *Mercy Ships* July 2017: Shortly after a boy named Juste was born, a lump started to grow on his head. His mother, Elisabeth, brought him to a doctor, who cut it off. The lump started growing again. Each time the doctor cut it off, it grew back. Finally the doctor said, "I can no longer help your son." "But Elisabeth and her husband were determined to save Juste from a life of pain and rejection." They tried a second doctor, but he wanted almost \$900 to do it. In addition, the patient list was months, if not years, out. "By the time Juste was 4, the lump was bigger than a golf ball. Elisabeth was afraid to let him go to school, fearing he'd be ridiculed." After praying about it, she heard about Mercy Ships. Once there, the surgeons became concerned that the condition was serious. They decided to run some tests. Thankfully, they found a simpler way to treat him, "and Juste got the surgery that would change his life forever." "Now, Juste is thrilled to go to kindergarten with the other kids. He told his mom, "I will become president!" MORE:



Another letter from *Mercy Ships* August 2017: For the first time, Mercy Ships will be visiting Cameroon. They want to give them the same hope and healing they brought to Benin. While there, a 2-year-old girl named Miracle "was given a free surgery and a new life." "Miracle was born with one leg bent outward almost 45 degrees. Her mother, Sylvie, worried about her every day. "How would Miracle walk? How will others treat her? What kind of future would she have?" At Mercy Ships, pediatric orthopedic surgeons were able to operate on her deformed leg. After a few hours, her leg straightened, and her healing began. "Today, her leg is straight, and she walks and plays like a little girl should. She has a whole new life and future ahead of her." In fact, it's been said, "Miracle lives up to her name after her orthopedic surgery." Please pray for them.

Psalms 107:20 says, "*He sent out his word and healed them. . .*"



Remember: Hope Pregnancy Center's **Celebration of Life** banquet is Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at the Willmar Conference Center. Social Hour & Silent Auction starts at 5:30pm. Entertainment by Crow River Junction, Dinner, Program & Live Auction will start at 6:30pm. Keynote speaker will be Kirk Walden, an evening filled with humor, challenge, vision and hope!

## September 2017 Family Prayer List

- 1 Elliot & Erin Balance, Theolena (Lena) & Penelope (Poppy)
- 2 Bev Barnes
- 3 Brant & Samantha Beckman, Maclynn
- 4 Gary & Julie Beckman
- 5 Herb & Joyce Beckman
- 6 Marc & Leah Beckman
- 7 Paul & Kali Beckman
- 8 David & Angie Beyerl, Avery, Ella & Brienna
- 9 Gerald & Lynette Braun, Cayden
- 10 Bill & Dorothy Broberg
- 11 Maybelle Broberg
- 12 Doris Broberg
- 13 Tim Broberg
- 14 Jonathan & Taya Broberg, Gavin, Emmett, Colby & Leo
- 15 Derrick, Kyle & Preston Broberg
- 16 Randy & Paula Broberg
- 17 Ethan & Sharon Calvin
- 18 David & Dawn Capp, Hannah & Lydia
- 19 Alan & Jill Carlson
- 20 Amber Carlson
- 21 Howard & Terri Carlson, Travis
- 22 Tayler Carlson
- 23 Grant Carlson
- 24 Jerome & Gretchen Carlson
- 25 LuAnn Carlson
- 26 Marvin & Pat Carlson
- 27 Vonnie Carlson
- 28 Mark & Tonia Danielson, Caden & Ryley
- 29 Marna Danielson
- 30 Adam & Melanie Dickman, James, Rebekah, Tabitha & Jonathan

## September 2017 Coffee Servers

- 3 CE Board Members
- 10 ?
- 17 ?
- 24 ?



## September 2017 Greeters

- 3 Bill & Dorothy Broberg
- 10 Ardell & Katie Johnson
- 17 Don & Donna Friedlein
- 24 Alan & Jill Carlson



## September 2017 Nursery – Toddler Room

- 3 Ron Aleshire & Girls
- 10 Craig & Shawn Dischinger
- 17 Aaron & Rachel Tollefsrud
- 24 Bob & Bernadette Fuchs



## September 2017 Nursery – Infant Room

- 3 Scott & Rachel Rambow
- 10 Shannon League & Maria Hulscher
- 17 Jon & Taya Broberg
- 24 Adam & Melanie Dickman



## September 2017 Ushers

\*Craig Dischinger, Duane Holmgren, Brant Beckman, Randy Broberg, David Beyerl, Ron Aleshire and Gary Beckman. \*Denotes head usher



## September Anniversaries

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan & Sue Roepke-45yrs
- 7<sup>th</sup> Ron & Karen Johnson-43yrs
- 8<sup>th</sup> Gerry & Joanne Tofte-56yrs
- 10<sup>th</sup> Larry & Paulette Johnson-34yrs
- 13<sup>th</sup> Tom & Darcy Froehlich-14yrs
- 16<sup>th</sup> Don & Donna Friedlein-67yrs
- 19<sup>th</sup> Ron & Gail Roepke-36yrs
- 24<sup>th</sup> Herb & Joyce Beckman-62yrs
- 25<sup>th</sup> Scott & Rachel Rambow-8



## September Birthdays

- 4 Shawn Dischinger
- 4 Lexi Sweere
- 5 Judy Huseby
- 6 Warren Johnson
- 6 Grant Carlson
- 6 Esther League
- 8 Emily Fagerstrom
- 9 Lucinda Kluver
- 10 Chad Sandvig
- 11 Peter Martin
- 13 Wyatt Rambow
- 15 Brent Akerson
- 15 Jeremiah Martin
- 16 Jim Arends
- 16 Scott Johnson
- 17 Bill Broberg
- 21 Barb Riley
- 22 Amber Lu
- 23 Hannah Johnson
- 24 Jaron Furney
- 26 Julie Andres
- 26 Tayler Carlson
- 28 Jim Huseby
- 29 Mary Johnson

## September Coming Events

### Friday, September 1 - Monday, September 4

“Lake Beauty Bible Camp Labor Day Weekend Family Camp!” With guest speaker **Todd Slechta** Castle Rock CO. Todd was born and raised on the southwest side of Chicago and is a long time Cubs and Bears fan. He is currently VP of Operations for PeopleCare Health Services, a statewide Colorado company providing in-home health services, especially to those with special needs in rural and remote areas. Previously, Todd has served as a K-8 Principal in the Denver metro area, as well as Executive Director for Covenant Bible College in Alberta, Canada (a 10 year stint that included oversight for the start up of CBC Ecuador). At CBC Canada, Todd taught Old and New Testament, bringing both a respect and passion for the Hebraic roots of the Christian faith and seeking to demonstrate how renewed understanding and appreciation by Christians can only enrich their journey of faith. Todd, his wife Sheryl, and two daughters, are members of Castle Rock Covenant Church.



September is Salem's turn for "Meals on Wheels" in Kerkhoven. Thanks to our devoted drivers, we only have the week of **Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>** left to sign up for! Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can drive. **THANK YOU!**

### Sunday, September 10 - Fall Sunday School Kick Off!

9am - Coffee Fellowship (CE Board will serve)

9:15am - Sunday School Fall Kick Off!

10:30am – Worship with Interim Pastor Rich Theilen/2<sup>nd</sup> grade Bible presentation

4pm – **Attention Need For Speed Junkies!** We will be racing GO-CARTS here in the Salem Parking Lot! Racing in the 4:00 - 5:15 p.m. time slot is the Youth Group 7<sup>th</sup> – 12 grade. At 5:30 p.m. there will be a picnic and then the Men get to race the same go-carts in the 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. time slot. Men, please bring meat or a picnic food and/or dessert to share with the youth group kids. The grills, plates, cups, utensils, and drinks will be provided. There will be awards for the top racers and the top two people with the best racing costume! "Let's Go Racing!"



### Monday, September 11, 18, 25, October 2, 9 and 16

3-4:30pm – The Rice Hospice Program will be offering, “*Healing Hearts Bereavement Support Groups*” for individuals who have experienced a loss. It will be held in the Hospice Conference Room at Rice Memorial Hospital in Willmar. Enrollment is open to anyone in the community. Please register by September 8<sup>th</sup> by calling Judie Dunlop at 320-213-4450.

### Tuesday, September 12

8am - Salem Seniors, depart on Salem's bus for Lake Beauty Bible, Long Prairie, MN “Senior Adult Day” from 10am-2pm. Listen to great music by the “Benson Family Singers”, and hear about the exciting new things that are happening at Lake Beauty Bible Camp! **Please sign up on the bulletin board by Sunday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>** if you would like to spend a day at camp!



### Wednesday September 13

6pm – Supper

6:30-8pm – AWANA ages 3yrs.-6<sup>th</sup> grade. AWANA Kick-Off!  
(AWANA: Approved-Workman-Are-Not-Ashamed!)



6:30pm – Heart Association 7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Kick-Off at Salem with a Bonfire, S'mores & Games!

7pm – “Together We Pray” Kick-Off in the library

8pm – Nominating Committee meeting in the library. Committee members are: Pastor Rich Theilen, Pastor Andy League, Chairman-Eric Peterson, Vice Chairman-Bruce Hoaglund, Deacons-Bill Broberg, Craig Dischinger, Trustees-John Kluver, Duane Holmgren, Deaconess-Katie Johnson, Vice Secretary-Whitney Tofte and CE Board-Darcy Froehlich, Taya Broberg.

(Cont. Sept. Coming Events)



### Thursday, September 14

5:30pm - Hope Pregnancy Center's Celebration of Life banquet is at the Willmar Conference Center. See Kent Syverson's "Mission Moments" for more information.  
6-9pm – AWANA Ministries Conference at Salem. (For leaders and helpers)

### Saturday, September 16

4-8pm –Church Family Picnic at Pastor Andy & Shannon League's home. Meat will be provided, please bring a salad or desert to share.



### Tuesday, September 19 and Friday, September 22

The next opportunity to serve for Family Promise at New London Covenant. Please let Linda Friedlein know if you are willing to make and serve supper on either night. Let her know as well, IF you would be willing to stay until 8pm, when the overnight hosts arrive. Thank you!"



### Friday, September 22 - Sunday, September 24

Lake Beauty Bible Camp Women's Retreat, Long Prairie MN. With special guest speaker, Terry Friedlein, talking about, "Bringing Broken & Dead Things to Life", whether it's our dreams, relationships, hopes, or even our faith! Registration booklets are on the narthex table. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend.



### Tuesday, September 26

6pm - "Alaskan Salmon Bake Fundraiser Dinner" at First Covenant of Willmar. A fundraiser for KICY Christian Radio in Nome, Alaska. Patty Burchell, General Manager of KICY will be there to tell about the radio station. Dinner is free, but a free will offering will be taken for the radio station.



***Since KICY Radio first signed-on Easter Sunday, April 17 of 1960, KICY Radio has continued to broadcast the good news of Jesus Christ throughout Western Alaska and the Russian Far East. They have increased power to 50,000 watts, 24 hours a day which allows KICY AM 850 the opportunity to send the gospel into some places where other forms of media are not readily available. They operate two distinct radio stations, KICY AM-850 & ICY 100.3 FM. While the AM station broadcasts at 50,000 watts and can be heard throughout the entire region, the FM station is programmed for and serves the City of Nome and surrounding communities. KICY Radio official website address is [www.kicy.org](http://www.kicy.org)***



I'm working on a new phone directory; if you have a new number/address or would like to add your email address to the directory, or are new & would like to be included in the directory, please email me at [salemcovenant@mvtwireless.com](mailto:salemcovenant@mvtwireless.com). Thank you, Bernadette ☺

### Praying for our Covenant National Missionaries

- Sept. 3 Konroy & Heidi Boeckel – Education of Missionary Children; Community Outreach. 2010-2012, 2015-Present.
- Sept. 10 Joseph & Laura Chapdelanie – Discipleship; Mentoring; Health Education. 2017 Fundraising.
- Sept. 17 Annalea Egging –Medical, Community Development. 2017 Fundraising.
- Sept. 24 Chris & Jenny Hoskins – Leadership Development; Christian Formation; Pastoral Call. 2009-2011, 2016 –Present.

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

Bethesda Grand

Josie Tollefsrud - #206

Bethesda Pleasant View Living

Maybelle Broberg - #103

Copperleaf Senior

Liz Rundquist - #206



### **Reminder: Salem's Email Prayer Chain**

If you're not already receiving Salem's email prayer request & latest information but would like to, please email Bernadette at [salemcovenant@mvtwireless.com](mailto:salemcovenant@mvtwireless.com)

### **A Reminder to Visit Salem's Website!**

Salem website is: [salemcovpennock.org](http://salemcovpennock.org). Check it out for all the happenings at Salem and Sunday sermon videos, bulletins & newsletters! It is revised weekly!

### **Greeters**



More greeters are needed on Sunday mornings. If you're not a greeter already, please give it a try! It's not hard and it's a great & easy way to serve at Salem! Please contact secretary, Bernadette Fuchs by email [salemcovenant@mvtwireless.com](mailto:salemcovenant@mvtwireless.com) or calling the office at 599-4734. THANK YOU! ☺

## **October's Voting**

### **Tuesday, October 3**

7pm – Women Ministries Election and Annual meeting at Salem. Planers: Paula Broberg, Sharon Calvin & Donna Friedlein.

### **Sunday, October 22**

11:30am – Church Potluck

12:30pm - Salem's 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Business meeting and Election. Going off the board are:

Chairman-Eric Peterson, Vice Chairman-Bruce Hoaglund, Deacons-Bill Broberg, Craig Dischinger, Trustees-John Kluver, Duane Holmgren, Deaconess-Katie Johnson, Vice Secretary-Whitney Tofte and CE Board-Darcy Froehlich, Taya Broberg.

## **Salem's Harvest Fest!**

### **Sunday, November 19**

7pm – Salem's Harvest Fest with "Seventy Times Seven" in concert. The group was founded in 1975 with seven people forming four-part vocal harmony accompanied by piano, bass guitar and drums. They sang in multiple churches and venues throughout Minnesota and some in Canada. Approximately fifty people have been a part of this ministry at one time or another from 1975-1989 (Jim Peterson & Jean Beckman from Salem were members part of the group) The eight members that formed the group for the longest segment of that time also recorded an album in 1979. Ministry was always the pulse of the group. Their first and foremost heart's desire was to share the gospel of Jesus Christ wherever they went. The name "Seventy Times Seven" was the name the Lord impressed upon their heart from the beginning which comes from Matthew 18:21-22.

