

Big Wind

Today I'll just pretend I'm a blogger...in print form. I'm writing in our dark kitchen with the battery powered camping lantern casting a shadow. Thankfully the computer has a bit of juice left, but the internet isn't working. Even as night has come, the chainsaws ring out and the news helicopters fly low. This afternoon I'd come home from church just in time to hear the sirens and head to the basement as a small tornado passed over north Minneapolis where we live. It left a trail of trees crisscrossing the streets and settling on rooftops, snapping power lines and doing its damage with debris and chaos to souls and lives and bodies.



We are fine, and tired; and reflecting now on this big wind and the winds of change that sweep over us daily. On Pentecost (this year, June 12) we'll hear again the lines from Acts 2, "Suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind. . . . All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit gave them ability." The story goes on with tongues of fire dancing on their heads, amazement as the diverse community not only hears but understands one another, and visions poured forth. We tend to sugarcoat that Pentecost wind, never quite comfortable with the change it could do to our usual ways of operation.

All afternoon I've been moved by the sweetness of neighbors I hardly know embracing, strangers lending a hand, and the care in your calls and texts. At the same time, I worry about the ways systems of poverty, and racial and economic injustice—already deeply mired in our city and society—may draw out the devastation of this big wind.

You know be well enough to know that I'm always curious about what the Holy Spirit is up to and how our lives and world are being changed by the Spirit's wind, ready or not. The Holy Spirit is active at Salem—I have no doubt; we would not be where we are without this sometimes-gentle, sometimes-strong, windy push. And the Holy Spirit is active in you and me, if only we are willing to notice her sweet and sometimes painful work.

As I leave for sabbatical renewal June 15, I entrust you to the wise and Spirited leadership of Salem's lay leaders and Pastor Catrina, and I entrust you (and me, too) to the Spirit's sometimes-gentle, sometimes-strong, sway: trusting that we'll find the summer rest and renewal we need, trusting that the Spirit will call forth in us the gifts needed to face the challenges before us, trusting that Spirit will unearth rich visions and that together (in all our diversity) we'll have the courage to embody them. Sweet blessings to you, dear people of Salem, and windy times, too, for we need both to hone our focus and move us forward. With the Spirit's wind, what a future we have. My prayers will be with you as I travel and I ask your prayers as well. God bless you.

—Pastor Jen



**Celebrating on May 22:
Marc, Bettie, Josh, and Emma!**

PICNICS IN THE PARK

We're headed outside again this summer and will be enjoying picnics in two of our neighborhood parks. Join us, get to know our neighbors, be part of flyer-ing in the neighborhood during the week prior. Mark these dates on your calendar and watch for more information. Led by our Transformation Team.

Wednesday, June 15, 6pm @ Whittier Park

Tuesday, July 12, 6pm @ Whittier Park

Sunday, August 14, 12:30pm @ Mueller Park



Salem News ...



Development and Partnership Update

- Brighton’s The Greenleaf is going up well. This development owned by Brighton Development, and managed by Brighton Management, will include 63 units of workforce housing and about 7,000 square feet of retail.
- If you are interested in getting on the list for the workforce housing, call now to 612-371-0766 , and talk with Kris Faruk mentioning that you are a member/friend of Salem.
- The ministry center is taking shape, too. Footings have been poured for the addition that will be the entrance and space for an elevator on the west side. The building of this addition continues.
- As you can see from the scaffolding, tuck pointing in is progress and will continue for some months. The areas that are in the roughest shape (especially around the towers) will be tuck pointed at 100% including the replacement of some stone.
- Interior work is going well and will continue through the summer. Revised contracts between the three churches and Watson Forsberg were completed at the end of May. The plans are looking great.
- The three churches have carefully made choices so as to live within the budget. Each church is contributing \$1.365 million to the project. Salem’s contribution comes from the sale of our land at 28th and Lyndale.
- More and more work is happening between the three churches—design teams, Christian Ed planning, and more.
- The city permits and process are running smoothly. July 11, we will give an update to the Whittier Community Issues Meeting.
- We still anticipate being in the new building by Thanksgiving!
- The next **ReDevelopment Forum** will be Sunday, **June 26** at 9:40am; the July RDF will be July 17.
- A Ministry Center Renovation presentation and forum will be held on June 5 at noon in the Theater for the people of Salem, Lyndale and First. Architect Kim Breithem, Watson Forsberg’s Dave Johnson, and our Owners Rep Paul Livdahl will all be part of the forum and will have visual renderings available to show.

Sabbatical Pastoral Coverage

Pastor Jen will be on Sabbatical Leave June 15-July 27. During this time, Salem member and ELCA pastor Rev. Catrina Ciccone will provide pastoral leadership and continuity. Pastor Catrina will take a lead on Sunday mornings, is available for pastoral care needs (hospitalizations, deaths, counsel, visits), and will be attentive to voice mails, e-mails, and other communications. Pastor Catrina will serve Salem part time for these 6 weeks. Messages for Pastor Catrina can be left on Pastor Jen’s voice mail (612-872-4650, x2). If you need to reach her more quickly, Pastor Catrina’s phone number is 651-442-9763. Salem and our partners are blessed to have strong lay leadership, a very able Congregational Council and Ministry Center Board, and a great staff. Paul Wharton, Congregational President, can be reached if needs arise. Laurie Zaepfel, our Church Administrator, can direct concerns to the appropriate leaders. Pastor Don from Lyndale UCC is also available at 612-825-3019.

Ministry Center Renovations— Presentation and Forum

Curious about the renovation plans? Miss the recent RDFs? Want to meet the architect and get the scoop? On **June 5** at noon in the Theater, there will be a presentation and forum for folks from Lyndale, Salem, and First.

Camp Weekend is July 22–24

Hold the dates and plan for a weekend of camping (or day activities) at Baker Park. This is a great way to get to know the Lyndale and Salem communities better! April Conlee of Lyndale UCC is organizing this event and all are welcome to participate.



More News ...

Baptisms

On **June 5** at the 10:30 am service we will celebrate the baptisms of Oskar and Henry Helle-Morrissey, sons of Jess and Mitch. We surround this family in our prayers as these precious little ones are claimed and held in the love of God and our community. And, we pray for their growth in faith, and for our community's commitment to support their family through the years.

Sunrise Breakfast

In conjunction with an all-night art creation at Intermedia Arts and around the city, we join Intermedia Arts, Trustone, and other neighbors in hosting a Sunrise Breakfast on **June 5**, 5:30am-6:30am. Intermedia's artist in resident, Robert, is also a chef, and he'll be cooking up a storm. Come for breakfast, or volunteer to help serve at 5am (4-5 volunteers needed-sign up today).

Pride Fest—June 24–26

Pride this year will be at Loring Park beginning Friday, **June 24** and running through Sunday, **June 26**. More information to come, but here are two ways to get involved and extend our welcome to the community.

1. Sign up to work at the information table shared by Salem and other Reconciling in Christ Churches.
2. March in the parade on Sunday. Salem regularly has a contingent in the parade and it's an exhilarating walk and a big public witness to God's amazing welcome.

Lyndale Ave. Closed: Minneapolis' First Open Streets Day—June 12

Following a model begun in Bogota, Columbia, Open Streets will bring together families and neighbors to mingle, recreate, and shop in their communities in a safe, car-free environment. Yep, no cars on Lyndale Avenue between 22nd Street and 42nd Street on **June 12 from 10am-2pm**. So... Ride your bike, walk, OR use the Aldrich Parking lot

Adult Ed on June 5—Synod Assembly Wrap Up

In May, Nick Allen, Ian Evans, and Pastor Jen attended the Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly. During Adult Ed at 9:40am on June 5 we'll share the outcomes and reflections from the Assembly. Ian Evans represented Salem as a Youth Voting Member. Here are Ian's reflections:

"The Synod Assembly was very interesting for me. I had never actually been around parliamentary procedure before. It was engaging to be a part of the community there, representing my church. The speakers that filled the time between the votes and resolutions shared powerful messages with the crowd of members. I am grateful to have had my voice heard in voting for causes for the ELCA. Nick and Jen were inspirational and had much to share with the community about their views on the resolutions. I was struck by how the ELCA church leaders don't make all of the choices, but the voting members help in the decisions. It made me realize just how powerful our little church is because we have a voice."

Thanks, Ian and Nick! Salem members, come and hear their reports on June 5.

Tour the Hindu Temple in Maple Grove

MAII (Minneapolis Area Interfaith Initiative) is presenting a tour of the Hindu Temple in Maple Grove on Sunday, **June 5** from 2-4pm. Included is an explanation of the gorgeous building and shrines (\$5 suggested contribution) followed by a formal presentation on Hinduism. A vegetarian lunch is available for \$5 for those arriving early at 1:15. The Temple is at 10530 Troy Lane N. in Maple Grove. An RSVP to maiimpls@gmail.com is helpful for planning. MAII unites individuals and faith communities in the Minneapolis area in learning about other religious traditions, increasing interfaith understanding and building personal relationships across faiths. Contact MAII at maiimpls@gmail.com to learn more.

A Note From Kathryn Patterson

"I want to thank all the wonderful friends at Salem who came to my special Birthday Party and for all the lovely cards and gifts. I am truly blessed."

—Kathryn

A Thank You from the Bishop

"We are grateful that you share in the goal to significantly reduce malaria in Africa by 2015. Our Malaria Work's efforts to contain this deadly disease include bringing mosquito nets, health education, mosquito control, and malaria treatment to communities in Africa. With your generous gift of \$409.99 to Our Malaria Work, you are a crucial partner in these vital efforts of bringing health and life to our neighbors in Africa. . . ." —Bishop Johnson



More News ... **What Is Pastor Jen Doing for Sabbatical?**

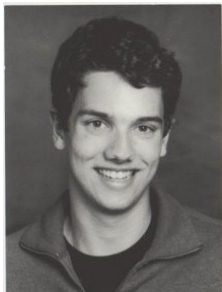


Xavier and child care staff Maya enjoying a spring Sunday morning.

“I’m looking forward to 6 weeks at Holden Village in the Cascade Mountains of central Washington state. Holden Village was once a copper mining village deep in the mountains; now it is a Lutheran retreat center that in the heart of the summer swells to a 500 person community of renewal, worship, hiking and engagement. I’m serving this summer as Holden’s Teaching Staff Coordinator, gathering and leading those who come to teach in the village as musicians, theologians, bible study leaders, scientists, writers, artists, dancers, and more. Jane and Eliza will be with me parts of the time and we have a number of close friends in the Village too. I look forward to a break from the usual duties and a chance for worship and renewal—it’ll do my heart good and will give me energy as I come back to you. I commit to holding you in prayer as I venture; please hold me in prayer as well. May the Spirit of renewal blow through each of us this summer. Thank you for this opportunity!” – Pastor Jen

Transition Time...

Many in Salem community are in times of transition. We include everyone experiencing transitions in our prayers, giving thanks for God’s guidance and trusting the Spirit’s leading into the next phase.



- Charlie Pieper graduates from South High School on June 4. Next year he’ll study at the U of M.
- Kelsey graduates from High School this spring. More about Kelsey’s plans to come.
- Ryan Birkman, one of our contextual education students, is headed to Vermont for the summer to do CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education) at a hospital in Burlington.
- Sarah Podenski graduated in May with a degree from the U of M’s Humphrey School of Public Affairs.
- Carrie Boyle, our summer intern last summer, graduated from Davidson College in Davidson, North Carolina and moves to Washington D.C. to serve a year with Jesuit Volunteer Corp in a social service organization. Carrie is planning for seminary after that.
- Kara Wiechmann was called to be the associate pastor for Tri-County Ministry in North Dakota (7 congregations and towns on the prairie)! At the end of May, she graduated from Luther Seminary and is planning for ordination at her congregation in South Dakota. Wear red!

Blessings and prayers to all. If we missed you, let us know and we’ll include you next month!

Coffee and Juice Time

There are two fellowship times around Salem and Lyndale. One is between services with coffee and goodies usually provided by Salem’s 8:30am worshipping group. The second is after the 10:30am services; typically the Lyndale members provide this fellowship time. Are you noticing a gap? What about the Salem Jazz crowd? If you’re a 10:30am service-goer, here are some options:



1. Bring in your goodies to share during the between service time—enjoy mingling with Salem and Lyndale people.
2. Sign up on the big poster board to serve the later fellowship time on your own or teaming up with someone else. There is information available about how this works and what to provide. Thank you!
3. Consider hosting fellowship in honor of a special occasion—a birthday, a visit from family or friends, an anniversary, etc.



More News ...

The Lutheran Magazine

The Lutheran Magazine is a resource some folks love to receive, and some simply don't read. Salem is committed to providing The Lutheran to all who wish to receive it. Periodically we have the opportunity to update our list adding new members and others. Please look over the listing on the sign up table today:

- Cross your name off if you don't want to get it.
- Add your name if you'd like to receive it and currently aren't included.

The cost is \$8 per household per year. If you'd like to donate to defray this cost, please do, noting "The Lutheran".

Thrivent Choice

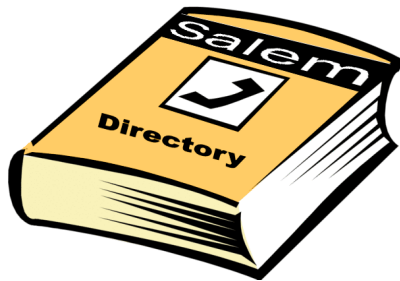
Many Thrivent members (though not all) have the option to designate "Choice Dollars" to an organization/church of your choosing. Salem is one of these options! Check it out.

Facing the Future with Hope—An Eight-Month Training

Are you ready to dig deeply into leadership and community organizing? Salem is a member of ISALAH, a faith based community organization. A group from Salem will join groups from other congregations in an eight-month intensive designed to equip us with skills for facing the future with active engagement in the democracy and issues of race. The first session is **June 16**, 6-9pm. The group will meet monthly on a Thursday evening from 6-9pm. Brochures are available. Talk with Pastor Jen about getting involved. From Salem, we hope to have a group of 5-10 people partake in this intensive training. Will you be part of it?

Your EYES Needed—Please check the directory

It's time for a new Salem Directory. Laurie has compiled a draft of this directory. Please CHECK IT OUT by June 12th, and confirm your contact info saying YES!, if it's correct, or noting changes needed. The 2011 directory will be available in mid June. If you'd like a copy, please contact the church office at 612-872-4650, x 1.



Doris Stockey

Doris has moved to live with her daughter's family. Doris' new address is:

4311 144th St. W.
Rosemount, MN 55068
651-423-4126

Watch for a time in August when the Salem crew will visit Doris for a house blessing and fellowship.

Reaching Out *Service, Justice, and Outreach Opportunities*

ZOOM House—The Numbers Are In!

- Thanks to everyone who participated in the ZOOM House Gala fundraiser on March 26th. It was a resounding success raising \$25,000 in a matter of a few hours! Of this total, \$12,000 was for the fund-a-need program and will be used to purchase stoves for the remodeled units, and YMCA memberships for the residents.
- Thanks also to Diann Uzelac for leading the charge to provide a May meal to volunteers serving at ZOOM House.
- Thanks to Ron Parker and Jim Hellert and others who volunteered at ZOOM during the remodeling. All 21 units are being renovated and each family temporarily was moved out, possessions placed in storage, and then moved back in. Way to go!

Greenway Clean Up

Did you know that Salem, Lyndale, and now First Christian have adopted part of the Greenway from Colfax Avenue to Garfield Avenue? Whittier Alliance will host a Greenway Clean Up on Wednesday, **June 29** at 5:30pm beginning at Vera's Garden (Lyndale and the Greenway). Come and help heading west!



Simpson Shelter Meal

Our next opportunities to serve with Lyndale UCC at Simpson Shelter will be Thursday, June 2 at 5:30pm, and Wednesday July 6, and Thursday, August 8. The June meal is already filled, but please plan to sign up to help in July or August. Sign up at church, or e-mail Robert at fram0004@umn.edu.



Sunday School News

Sunday School Updates

Kathy Hayden, Sunday School/Christian Education Committee Co-Chair

Our children presented us with a beautiful kid-lead service May 22. Their leadership included a the poem they recited in voice and body, an anthem, readings, offering collection, serving communion, and teaching us about listening, playing, and staying in the moment as they played with Legos during the sermon. I want to thank Vicki Keck for sharing the tree poem and including, supporting, and encouraging children of all ages to recite the poem. A thank you to Antone Melton-Meaux for leading the children in lively joyful singing, and to Michael Vanderford for working with the children week after week on the song.



Li and Izzy making the world beautiful!

Thank you to Rae Buzzell, Nancy Homdrom, and Glenn Crown for organizing the luncheon; thanks to all those who were able to bring food and helped with set up and clean up.

Thanks to our teachers: Betty Schraeder, Kathy Hayden, Antone Melton-Meaux, Sandy Block, April Conlee, Vicki Keck, Kathy Sievwright, and Mary Vanderford. Our committee members are Rae Buzzell, Sheena Dean, April Conlee, Rebecca Miller, Michael Vanderfrod, pastors Don and Jen, and me. Thanks to all the resource people who helped over the year. I encourage these resource individuals, and anyone who has an interest and passion for children’s ministry, to let us know. We will be planning our program for next year in July and August. We have been using a rotational model . attempting to modify it to fit our needs. We hope to make some changes and will need individuals to share their talents and passions for music, drama, movement/dance, craft, science, and cooking, to name a few.

During the summer months, Sunday School does not meet, but we have child care available beginning at 10:15am.

Creation Care Day Camp

For the eighth year in a row, Salem joins with other congregations to sponsor a day camp for the kids of our congregations and the neighborhood. This year’s day camp is themed Creation Care and will be led jointly by Jillian Emery and leaders from other congregations. Different than past years, we will not have a camp staff involved, but instead we’ll add our own volunteers and structure our days with camp activities (worship, bible study, crafts, activities, lunch) in the morning, and offsite activities in the afternoon (quilting, bread baking, YMCA, nature center, music and more). Here’s the plan:

- **When:** June 20-24, 9am-4pm
- **Who:** Kids ages 4 years to 6th grade, with the support of youth and adult volunteers
- **Where:** At Zion Lutheran, 33rd and Pillsbury (Zion provides easy access to the Blaisdell YMCA)
- **How:** Grab a registration brochure at church, or an volunteer information page (details about role, expectations, scheduling, and a training opportunity). Financial donations are welcome. Many donations of supplies (list available) and snacks will be needed—watch for more information and specifics.
- **Who:** Sponsored by Salem, Lyndale UCC, First Christian, Our Saviour’s Lutheran, Calvary Lutheran, Little Flock Independent Baptist, Zion Lutheran, and possibly others.

Youth and Young Adult Ministry

A note from Youth and Young Adult Minister, Jillian Emery:

Youth and Young Adult Ice Cream Outing



Sunday, **June 19** after 10:30am service. We will walk to Sebastian Joe's on Franklin.

Theology Uncorked

The Young Adults will gather for Theology Uncorked on Wednesday, **June 22** at 7:30pm. Weather permitting, we'll be at Lake Calhoun. Come and join the conversation!



CALENDAR

Week of May 29—Memorial Weekend

- Sunday 5/29 8:30 am Traditional Service
- 5/29 9:30 am Fellowship
- 5/29 10:30 am Jazz Service
- 5/29 11:30 am Fellowship
- Wed. 6/1 6:30 pm Transformation Team
at Bob's Java Hut
- Thursday 6/2 5:30 pm Simpson Shelter Meal

Week of June 5

- Sunday 6/5 5:30 am People of Power Community
Breakfast at IA
- 6/5 8:30 am Traditional Service
- 6/5 9:30 am Fellowship
- 6/5 9:40 am Adult Ed—Synod Assembly
Update
- 6/5 10:30 am Jazz Service—Baptisms for
Oskar and Henry
- 6/5 11:30 am Fellowship
- 6/5 12:00 pm Ministry Center Renovation
Presentation and Forum
- 6/5 2:00 pm Hindu Temple Tour
- Thursday 6/9 2:30 pm Birthday Party for Redeemer
Care Residents

Week of June 12—Pentecost

- Sunday 6/12 8:30 am Traditional Service—Pentecost
- 6/12 9:30 am Fellowship
- 6/12 9:40 am Adult Ed—Focus Group
- 6/12 10:30 am Jazz Service—Pentecost and
Bike Blessings
- 6/12 11:30 am Fellowship
- 6/12 12:30 pm Day Camp Training
at Zion Lutheran
- Monday 6/13 6:00 pm Executive Meeting
- 6/13 6:30 pm Salem Council
- Weds. 6/15 6:00 pm Neighborhood Picnic
at Whittier Park
- Thursday 6/16 6:00 pm ISAIAH 8 Month Training
Begins

Pentecost—Wear Red

June 12 is Pentecost, a celebration of the Holy Spirit's amazing power in this world. Check out the Pentecost story in Acts 2. Wear red on the 12th as a mark of the Spirit's fire alive in the church and world.

Week of June 19

- Sunday 6/19 8:30 am Traditional Service
- 6/19 9:30 am Fellowship
- 6/19 9:40 am Adult Ed—Bible Study
- 6/19 10:30 am Jazz Service
- 6/19 11:30 am Youth and Young Adult Ice
Cream Outing
- Mon.–Fri.

Creation Care Day Camp

- 6/20–6/24 9am–4pm
- Weds. 6/22 7:00 pm Theology Uncorked
- Thursday 6/23 7:00 pm Ministry Center Board
- Fri.–Sun. 6/24–6/26 **Pride Fest** at Loring Park

Week of June 26

- Sunday 6/26 8:30 am Traditional Service
- 6/26 9:30 am Fellowship
- 6/26 9:40 am ReDevelopment Forum
- 6/26 10:30 am Jazz Service
- 6/26 11:30 am Fellowship
- 6/26 Pride Parade

Adult Education

We typically take a break from formal Adult Ed during the summer months... but this year if you're around, check out the offerings!

Sundays, 9:40-10:15 am

June 5—Synod Assembly Wrap Up

June 12—Focus Group

June 19—Bible Study

June 26—ReDevelopment Forum

July 3—Fellowship

Lyn Lake Book

The new book about Lyn Lake by Thatcher Imboden and Cedar Imboden Phillips is out! The pictures are great and capture the history of the Lyndale and Lake area through the years. Special thanks to Salem members for providing stories, history, and pictures. There is a copy available at church, or they can be ordered on line via Amazon, or purchased at Magers and Quinn, Costco and other venues locally.

Focus Group—Seeking Your Input

Seeking: 6-8 people who've been around through the changes and transformation at Salem over the last years. Rev. Paul Erickson is researching congregations in transformation. He'll be here on Sunday, June 12 to host a Focus Group at 9:45am (approximately an hour and a quarter). Could you add your reflections and input? Please sign up ahead so Paul knows who to expect.