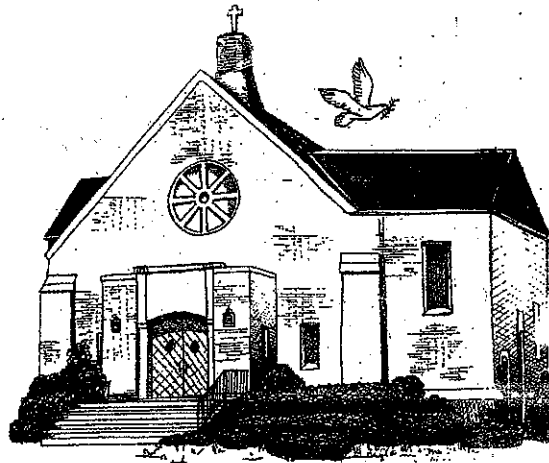


# The Salem Dove



## SEPTEMBER 2010

### PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Members & Friends of Salem,

It's getting exciting around here! Yes indeed! God is at work, beckoning us toward the future! God has plans for His People... all of us... younger and older, long time member and newer member, male and female, leaders and behind-the-scenes supporters!

At the close of the Voter's Meeting on August 8, -- in which there was the unanimous vote to extend a Solemn Call to Rev. John Pingel (52, married, 2 children ages 11 & 14) of Beaver Falls, PA (near Pittsburgh) to become the new pastor of Salem Lutheran Church -- the Lord led me to close the meeting with the words from Jeremiah 29:11. Note them carefully and prayerfully! God's word says, "*I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future!*"

Those are amazing words of encouragement! -- especially as you read the chapters before and after Jeremiah 29 -- and know what the people have experienced! We have not had it quite that hard! Days of transition, such as the people of Salem have gone through in recent months, are never easy. We long for days of "stability... and security... and the old ways" ... but God keeps calling us to the future! Together, yes, always together as "the body of Christ," we are called and sent on God's mission ... to love, support, forgive, nurture, serve and reach out to one another and especially those who are not yet in on the Kingdom of God, not yet a part of the "body of Christ." This is our sacred calling and privilege... and it is why we call a pastor to help us have that kind of focus and purpose! (Ephesians 4:12)

My friends, keep praying for one another and with one another! Serve together. Let the wounds of the past be healed in the forgiving love of Christ ... and let the new days be filled with anticipation and excitement over what God has in store for His People through the growing ministry of Salem Lutheran Church! May God bless you all abundantly each new day!

*Pastor David Belasic, Interim Pastor*

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† † † *Mission: SALEM/Peace - As the Father sent me I send you.* † † †

*Vision: Preach - Teach - Heal - doing what Jesus does*

## MEMORIALS AND GIFTS

FRIENDS OF MUSIC & CULTURE - - Gifts: Rich & Shirley Landseadel

MAINTENANCE FUND - - - - - In memory of: Parents by: Allen & Judi Feltz

In memory of: Brothers & Sisters by: Allen & Judi Feltz

In memory of: Robert Wiedemann by Sue Gifford

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MEISSNER ENDOWMENT FUND - - In memory of: Doris Baker by: Gladys Matson

Gifts: Paul & Stephanie Swierczynski; Ray & Lois Yox; Elinor Jentsch; Shirley Banas; Arlene Ball; Marilyn Krentz; Sally McAlpine; Roy & Deann Sheppard; Lynn Leahy; Kim & Russ Alessi; Sallie Langner

MEMORIAL FUND - - - - - Gift: Cross in Meissner Garden by: Charles Pokrandt

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In memory of: Donald Pfohl by: Gloria Pfohl

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STEPHEN MINISTRY FUND - - - - - Gifts: Ken & Joanne Kushka; Mark & Christine Johnson

### MEMORIALS & GIFTS PUBLICATION POLICY

The following is the policy for the publication of the memorials and gifts in the "Dove." Memorials and Gifts are published based on information from the control sheets compiled by the counters each Sunday. Please note Memorials and Gifts may not be published in the Dove in the same month in which they are donated. Your name will only be published once under each fund whether or not a memorial and/or gift are both given. Your name will be published for each memorialized person. Your name will only be published once under each fund per month even though multiple contributions may be given. The only time donations to the Maintenance Fund are published is for Memorials. This has been the past practice for many years. *For any questions or clarification, please contact the "Dove" editor Claire Carlson*

## Bible Classes



Sunday Mornings at 10:45 am

Bible Class led by Pastor Belasic or Vicar Dom on "Great Chapters in the Bible!" or  
Bible Class led by Paul Swierczynski on "Purpose Driven Church" by Rick Warren

Tuesday Afternoons at 1 pm

Leader: Sally McAlpine  
will be meeting beginning September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 pm on The Psalms


Leader: Dave Carlson

Thursday Mornings at 9:30 am

Leader: Ruth Carr

# WORSHIP

The Worship Committee has developed a page for the DOVE that will communicate to the congregation the themes, liturgies, sermon texts and titles and other points of worship. (LW = Lutheran Worship TLH = The Lutheran Hymnal WOV = With One Voice SH = Supplemental Hymnal) Hymns and liturgy are being chosen by Pastor, the Music Director, and the Worship Committee. Comments are invited for future growth.

SUNDAY	LITURGY	1 <sup>st</sup> Hymn	Sermon Hymn	Communion Hymns	Last Hymn	Text and Title - Special Considerations for this Day
Sept. 5 - 15th Sunday of Pentecost (green) Communion	LW 158 Holy Communion	LW 386 "Jesus Still Lead On"	"All God's People Sing" 81 "Christ Be My Leader"	SH 64 "Seek Ye First" SH 48 "Fill My Cup" SH 43 "Come Holy Spirit"	LW 286 "Love Divine All Loves Excelling" v. 1,2,3	
Sept. 12 - 16th Sunday of Pentecost (green)	LW 158	LW 290 "Christ Is Our Cornerstone"	SH 90 "I'd Rather Have Jesus"		LW 305 "Stand Up Stand Up for Jesus" v. 1,2,3	"Jesus Loves Me" Children's Song to be added to the service to encourage our youngsters to participate in worship
Sept. 19 - 17th Sunday of Pentecost (green) Communion	LW 158 Holy Communion	LW 402 "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"	LW 392 "O, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways"	LW 242 "I Come, O Savior, To Your Table" Worship & Praise 22 "Come To The Table" SH 47 "Father I Adore You"	LW 282 "O Savior, Precious Savior" v. 1,2,3	
Sept. 26 - 18th Sunday of Pentecost (green)	LW 158	LW 312 "Jesus Shall Reign" v. 1-4	"Then Shall I Live" words by Gloria Gaither Tune: LW 510		LW 221 "Savior Again To Thy Dear Name We Raise" v. 1,2,3	"This Little Light of Mine" Children's song to be added
Oct. 3 - 19th Sunday of Pentecost (green) Communion	LWML Sunday Pre-printed program					

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**

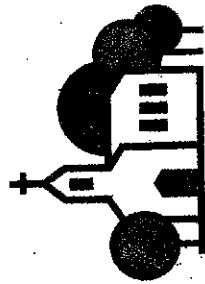
**IS NOW AT 9:30 AM**

**PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE**

**THIS CHANGE BEGINS SEPT 12TH.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASSES**

**BEGIN AT 10:45 AM.**







## **Stephen Ministry in Action: Care Receiver Testimonies and Quotes**

The following quotes and testimonies are from care receivers at a church in

San Angelo, Texas. However, they are typical of people who have received care from Stephen Ministries all across the country.

From one care receiver: "It has been nice to have someone to talk to in order to help figure things out. I have been so lost in my situation that I didn't know where to go, but my Stephen Minister has helped so much."

The Stephen Ministry program is a way to reach out to those experiencing difficulties in their lives. This is what another care receiver had to say: "My Stephen Minister has been incredible. I look forward to our times of sharing and praying... what an encouragement! God called a special person and I thank Him for her."

The Stephen Ministry program is confidential but this care receiver agreed to anonymously share his impressions of the caring relationship. "My experience with a Stephen Minister has allowed me the opportunity to gain a new friend. His prayers and conversations were the real thing."

Having someone to listen, care, and pray with us can make a big difference in trying times. One care receiver had this to say: "The example set by my Stephen Minister was extremely beneficial to me. During a difficult time, I had someone to talk to... someone who truly cared and was there to listen to my pain and console me. I gained a measure of strength from their Christian attitude."

Stephen Ministers are there to assure their care receivers that they are not alone. This testimonial was written by one care receiver, "I'm very grateful God sent my Stephen Minister to help me through my grief. Not only does she pray for me, but she prays special prayers for my children and grandchildren. She has concern for my whole family."

A word of appreciation from another care receiver, "Thank you for giving of yourselves in learning to help others. Learning and then applying your knowledge to help others is truly a gift of love. I thank you for sharing and for helping me."

Sometimes dealing with special challenges in our lives makes us feel like we're wandering in the dark. This is how one care receiver describes it: "The Stephen Ministry – more so, my Stephen Minister

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was a wonderful comfort at one of the lowest times in my life. Her concern and words lifted me out of the dark misery I was feeling, and she helped me to find new light and hope for me and my children. Thank you!"

Most of us find it hard to let another reach out to us when we're hurting... if we have the courage to do so, it is usually worth the risk. From one care receiver, "I would like to take the time to express how much the Stephen Ministry has helped me through some very tough times. This is a very needed ministry. Thanks to all of you who are involved. May God bless all of you. In Christian Love..."

*Are you or someone you know hurting or experiencing difficulties in their life? Then contact Rich Landseadel at 822-9695 regarding Salem's Stephen Ministry.*



## **SUMMERFEST REPORT**

Thanks to all who supported Pioneer Camp & Retreat Center by attending the Annual Summerfest event on July 11<sup>th</sup> 2010. All proceeds benefited their Operation Purple Camp for children whose parents are in the military. God bless you.

*Elinor Jentsch, Salem Summerfest Ticket Chair*



## **Congregational Picnic Update**

On behalf of the congregation, we want to again thank Craig Miller and his family for the donation of the BBQ chicken for our annual picnic. There were 100 chicken dinners were served. I also want to thank everyone who pitched in to help make the picnic a success: Sandy Mulvaney, Grace Belter, Darlene & Tom LaPenna, Fred & Barbara Bartz, Claire & Jennifer Carlson, Jim, Judy & Ryan Carr & Ashley Hoffmann. A special thank you to Darlene LaPenna for coordinating the games and theme baskets and her assistants: Shirley Landseadel, Sally McAlpine, Ruth Carr, Gladys Matson and Deann Sheppard, those who coordinated the Ice Cream Social: Joyce Vassallo, Emelle Ponivas, Maxine Ford, Sandy Mulvaney and for the Friends of Music & Culture for hosting the Nan Hoffman concert: Dave & Barb Bartholomew, Joanne Kushka, Ruth Wurster, Paul Thomas, Norrine Nagel and Sharon Croston; Council members for furnishing desserts and Gretchen Putzman for donating the potato chips. I apologize to those who did not get any chicken because we ran out and to anyone who helped that I may have missed their names. \$235 was sent to Pastor Sprehe from the proceeds from the concert and the ice cream social. Thanks again to all for making our event a success. Hope to see you next year. *Dave Carlson, Council Vice-President*

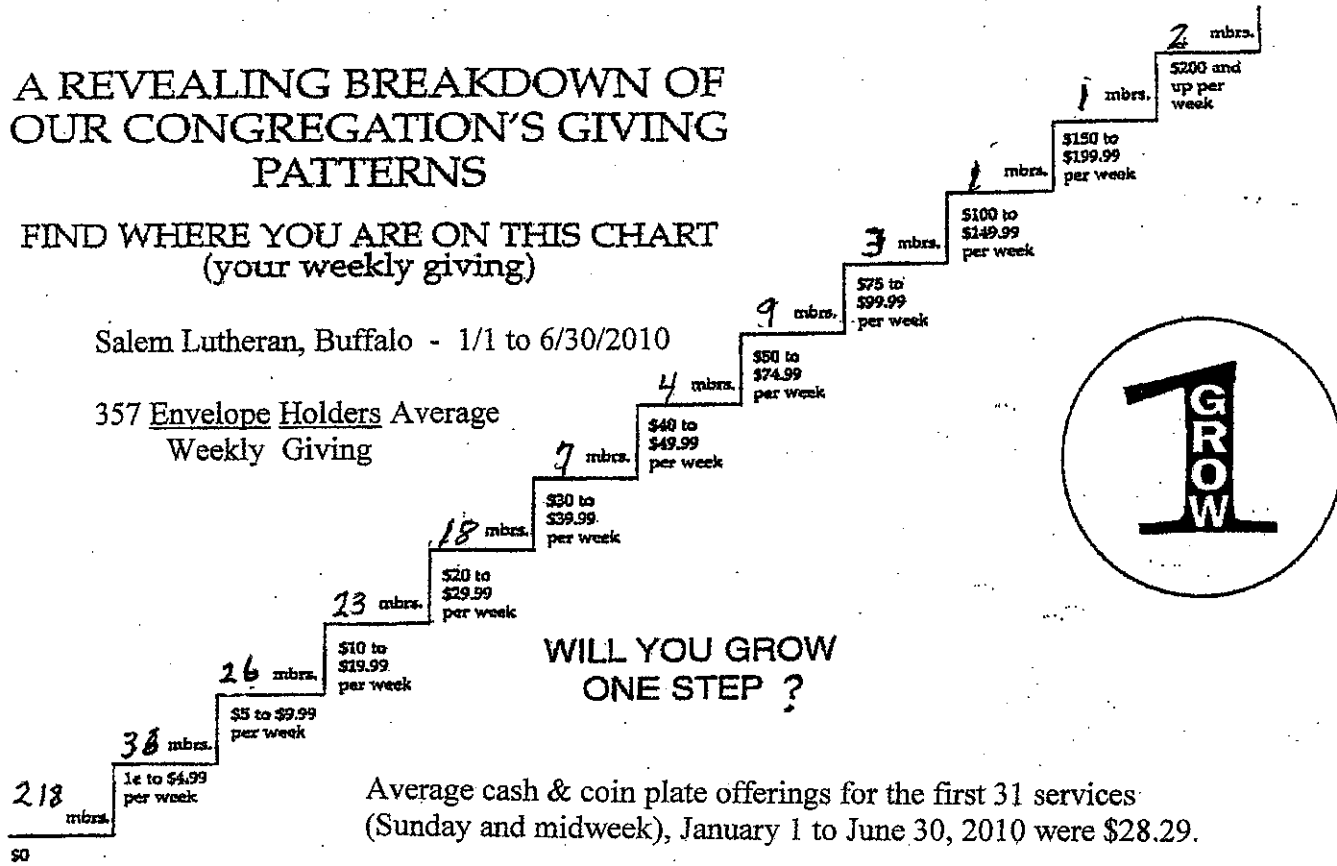


# A REVEALING BREAKDOWN OF OUR CONGREGATION'S GIVING PATTERNS

FIND WHERE YOU ARE ON THIS CHART  
(your weekly giving)

Salem Lutheran, Buffalo - 1/1 to 6/30/2010

357 Envelope Holders Average Weekly Giving



WILL YOU GROW ONE STEP ?

Average cash & coin plate offerings for the first 31 services (Sunday and midweek), January 1 to June 30, 2010 were \$28.29.

WEEKLY INCOME	BEYOND A TITHE		TITHE	UPPER RANGE GIVING			MIDDLE RANGE GIVING			LOWER RANGE GIVING		
	15%	12%	10%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%
\$ 200	30.00	24.00	20.00	18.00	16.00	14.00	12.00	10.00	8.00	6.00	4.00	2.00
\$ 300	45.00	36.00	30.00	27.00	24.00	21.00	18.00	15.00	12.00	9.00	6.00	3.00
\$ 400	60.00	48.00	40.00	36.00	32.00	28.00	24.00	20.00	16.00	12.00	8.00	4.00
\$ 500	75.00	60.00	50.00	45.00	40.00	35.00	30.00	25.00	20.00	15.00	10.00	5.00
\$ 600	90.00	72.00	60.00	54.00	48.00	42.00	36.00	30.00	24.00	18.00	12.00	6.00
\$ 700	105.00	84.00	70.00	63.00	56.00	49.00	42.00	35.00	28.00	21.00	14.00	7.00
\$ 800	120.00	96.00	80.00	72.00	64.00	56.00	48.00	40.00	32.00	24.00	16.00	8.00
\$ 900	135.00	108.00	90.00	81.00	72.00	63.00	54.00	45.00	36.00	27.00	18.00	9.00
\$1,000	150.00	120.00	100.00	90.00	80.00	70.00	60.00	50.00	40.00	30.00	20.00	10.00
\$1,100	165.00	132.00	110.00	99.00	88.00	77.00	66.00	55.00	44.00	33.00	22.00	11.00
\$2,000	300.00	240.00	200.00	180.00	160.00	140.00	120.00	100.00	80.00	60.00	40.00	20.00
\$3,000	450.00	360.00	300.00	270.00	240.00	210.00	180.00	150.00	120.00	90.00	60.00	30.00

1. Find where YOU are on the chart (your weekly income/ giving).
2. Move one block to the left to determine what GROW ONE % would be for you.



Did you get stung at Vacation Bible School? Stung by learning about Jesus! Here are the stories our hive swarmed around for our three-day journey. On Tuesday, July 20th, we learned how Jesus, our Savior, came to seek and save the lost. On Wednesday, July 21st, we learned Jesus, our Savior, does big things. On Thursday, July 22nd we learned Jesus, our Savior, says BEE-Lieve! There were snacks, crafts, songs and outdoor games that reiterated these points. Fun was had by everyone in the hive.

An event such as this would not be possible without a dedicated team of busy bees. My thanks to the following adult site leaders: Hive alive Opening/Zoomtacular Closing - Lois Doll & Brian Sylvia  
Bible Story Zip, Zap Zoom: Paul Thomas and Vicar Domenick Lettieri

Biz-z-zy Body Games - Darlene LaPenna  
Sweet Honey Bee-stro - Judy Carr  
Honeycomb Crafts - Nancy Thomas, Dawn Thomas, Barb Kowalski  
Hive Decor - Judy Carr, Lois Doll, Judy Hoffmann, Steve Jarmusz, Barb Kowalski, Dawn Thomas,  
Registration - Darlene LaPenna, Ruth Carr, Kate Carr

Pre-School - Judy Hoffmann & Claire Carlson  
We had over 20 youth volunteers and almost an equal number of adult volunteers join 27 participants. Thank you one and all for your help!!

This year for our mission project we collected school supplies donated to City Mission! I have a challenge to the congregation - How can we grow our participants to 100?

*Monica Thomas, VBS Coordinator*

Pastor Ron Sprehe is now recovering from his heart transplant surgery. He is hoping to come home very soon. It has been requested that he have NO visitors when he is home. With the recent surgery, his immune system will be suppressed and more susceptible to infection. Please continue to keep Pastor and his family in your prayers.

## **Council Corner**

Football season is just around the corner. Who is your favorite team? What is your favorite position for your "fantasy" draft? I think we all need to concentrate on the "quarterback". For every "pass forward" the team makes out. This is a positive thing! Even a scramble can be a positive thing. Well the same could be said for Stewardship. Give a "quarter back!"

The goal for both "teams" is to make goals set out at the beginning of the year. Meet or surpass your goals. One of our goals of the congregation has been to support the needs of the church, the people we support and our dedicated charities. If each person gave just an extra "quarter back" each week, that would be a dollar per month, \$12.00 per year. Multiply that by 100 people, we would have \$1,200.00 worth of quarters.

As we all prepare for our fantasy draft and what is possible, go out on a limb and consider "drafting" a "half back" for the team!

*Paul Thomas, Church Council President*

## **Lutheran '3 - 0'**

### **Broadcast Schedule:**

### **39th YEAR - 2009-2010**

*Each Sunday at 9:00 am on WXRL (1300 AM)*

September 5<sup>th</sup> - Trinity, West Seneca

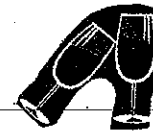
September 12<sup>th</sup> - St. Mark, North Tonawanda

September 19<sup>th</sup> - St. Matthew, North Tonawanda

September 26<sup>th</sup> - St. Paul, North Tonawanda

## **Radio Ministry**

Listen to **THE LUTHERAN HOUR**, Sundays,  
9:30 a.m. on WXRL radio (1300 AM)  
Invite others to listen too!



### **CAMP PIONEER FUNDRAISER**

Saturday, September 11, 2010

Buffalo Yacht Club

1 Porter Ave., Buffalo

6:30 - 10 pm

\$35 per person

Wine Tasting and Theme Basket Auction

Entertainment by Trio Payazzo Jazz Trio

Light Appetizers

To Benefit Pioneer's unique camps for military children, children & adults with disabilities, foster children and inner city youth

For tickets contact: 549-1420 or [info@pioneerencamp.org](mailto:info@pioneerencamp.org).

## **POTLUCK CORNER**

**Maque Choux** (pronounced mock shoe)

~ **Cajun Corn Casserole**

8 ears of fresh corn or a combination of canned whole kernel and cream corn to equal 4 cups when mixed together

4 Tbsp. butter or 2 Tbsp. oil if you are avoiding cholesterol

1 large tomato, peeled and diced (I used a 10½ oz. can of petite cut with jalapeno peppers)

1/2 c. onion finely chopped

1/3 c. green pepper finely chopped

1 and 1/2 tsp. sugar

1 clove garlic (can use canned chopped garlic)

1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper

1/2 tsp. white pepper

1/2 tsp. salt

If using fresh corn ~ score the kernels across the top of each row of kernels. Work over a plate of dish to collect the liquid as you cut the scored kernels off the cob. Scrape the cob to remove all the kernels and liquid. There should be about 4 cups.

Heat the oil or butter in a 1½ or 2-quart pan.

Add the garlic, onion and green pepper and tomato (if a fresh one) and sauté until soft (about 5 min.)

Add the tomato (if using canned) and corn. Season with the cayenne, white pepper and salt. Cover and simmer for 15 to 20 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Should be served hot.

This dish is like spaghetti sauce. Every Cajun source you search has a slightly different one. Mine is from Mrs. Landry (100% Cajun from Lafayette, LA.) and an old family recipe. Some sources also add bacon. If you want to do that you can use 1/2 pound of bacon chopped and sautéed until crispy. You can just add the bacon or use a combination of 2 Tbsp. bacon grease and 2 Tbsp. butter OR oil. Some sources also add hotter peppers like chili peppers rather than green ones but bell peppers are the usual Cajun ingredient so I think they are more authentic. Anyway, you can adjust the spicy "heat" of the dish by changing the peppers.

*Barbara Bartholomew*

*This recipe was enjoyed at a recent Couples' Club event.*

## **A New Ministry Project!**

The Salem Piecemakers announce to the congregation a new ministry project. A white on white baptismal quilt will be presented to each new baby of Salem on the occasion of his/her baptism made by the Salem Piecemakers. We can't wait for the first baby to receive this special baptismal quilt!

*Deann Sheppard, for the Salem Piecemakers*

## **CALL COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS**

The call committee and I have had the opportunity to not only meet some wonderful pastors but also to discuss the needs of the church.

Conversations such as the present and future needs of the church and how to strengthen our weaknesses left the majority of us in a consensus for change. I do not mean a change in our mission or our beliefs but in the way we wish to reach out for new members.

It's no secret to anyone that Salem is entering a time of transformation. Through the process of selecting a new pastor, I heard the question concerning the future of the church repeating itself. With so many personalities and desires, some of these questions led to controversial and differing answers. While my opinions of the qualities that well suit a pastor for Salem may differ from others, it is important to remember that we are all working for one common goal, which is the good of the church.

Through all the discussions with the pastors and committee members, it became apparent to me that the members of the church need to be open and accepting of a change; otherwise that transformation is never going to occur. I completely understand that change can be fearful because the outcome is unknown. Yet, change could lead to less empty pews and a growing congregation. I believe that if the members are willing to give and take, Salem will flourish like we all are all praying for.

*Ashley Hoffmann,*

*Youth Representative on Salem Call Committee*



## **"Equipping to Share"**

Pilgrim Lutheran Church (Corner of Delaware Road and Chapel Road, Kenmore) is sponsoring "Equipping to Share," a four-hour seminar conducted by Lutheran Hour Ministries on how we may more effectively share our Christian faith in everyday situations. The seminar will be held on Saturday, September 18th, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., and lunch will be provided. There is no cost for the seminar or the lunch - we want as many as possible to participate! Please call the church at 875-5485 or email the pastor at [beneder@aol.com](mailto:beneder@aol.com) with the name of the church and the number of those planning to attend (please have your reservations in by Monday, September 13th).

# Sunday School News

Be the  pple of God's eye with a strong  of faith!



**Special Backpack Blessing** - Students (young and old) should bring their backpacks to worship on **Sunday, September 12**. Worship will begin at 9:30 a.m.

During service everyone involved in education (students, teachers, custodians, bus drivers, etc.) will receive a special blessing. Backpacks will be placed at the altar prior to the blessing.



September 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday School will begin. Please note that there is a change in our start time. Students should arrive at 10:30 a.m. so we can begin promptly 10:45 a.m. Sunday School will conclude at 11:45 a.m.

During this time we strongly encourage Sunday School parents to attend the adult Bible study or other programs to be offered during that time.

This year Sunday School will be using Concordia's *Growing in Christ* curriculum.



## Rally Day

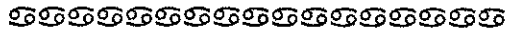
**Theme:** Be the apple of God's eye with a strong core of faith!

Rally Day will be celebrated on Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup> - Parents/Guardians please plan on attending Church service (at 9:30 a.m.) with your child and Sunday School which follows right after at 10:45 a.m. where we will have breakfast and a brief program. Third Graders will receive their Bibles during service.

**LEADERSHIP CHRISTCARE GROUP**

The Leadership/ Spiritual Growth Group will be meeting on Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup> 2010 at 6:30 pm. This group is led by Jim Carr.

THE BALANCE IN CURRENT AS OF JULY 31, 2010 IS A SURPLUS OF \$15,613.19. *Nancy Thomas, Treasurer*



**OUR SYMPATHIES AND PRAYERS TO**

Delores Landwehr and her family on the loss of her 18 month great-granddaughter, Kayle Lafferty who drowned August 13<sup>th</sup> in Nashville.

Please remember the deadline for the October issue of the Dove and for the October calendar will be September 19, 2010. Articles for the Dove may be placed in my basket in the church secretary's office or email to **patchtroop546@aol.com**. Thank you. *Claire Carlson*

**COUNCIL POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

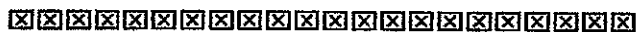
There are Council positions available for 2011. They are Secretary, Deacon and Board of Christian Education Chair and Youth. Please contact Dave Carlson if you are interested in serving on the Council or would like more information regarding a specific position.

*Dave Carlson, Vice President*



**REMINDER**

When a member of the family is in the hospital, or in need of pastoral counsel or care, PLEASE phone Ernelle at the Salem church office, 824-2787, or contact Pastor Belasic at 675-0331 (home) or 957-4529 (cell), or Vicar Domenick Lettieri at 525-1044 (home) or 392-1148 (cell). Thank you!



**DIRECTORY CHANGES**

**Viola Schultz:** new phone #: 674-1710

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED**

Nycholas Greig (husband of Stephanie Carlson Greig) was awarded \$800 from the St. Paul's Scholarship Fund. This scholarship fund is for those pursuing a degree in church work and is now administered by the Eastern District LCMS. This scholarship fund is not associated with the Salem Endowment Fund. Congratulations and God's blessings to Nycholas.



DEAR SALEM CHURCH,

THANK YOU FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP I RECEIVED FROM THE ST. PAUL'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND. I AM BEGINNING MY SECOND YEAR AT CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IN ST. LOUIS. GOD'S CONTINUED BLESSINGS ON SALEM.

NYCHOLAS GREIG



Lutheran Campus Ministry will be partnering with Rev. Tom Lutz and the heavy metal band "Bone Deep" in bringing the Gospel to the University community on Tuesday, September 21, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the University at Buffalo Student Union Theater, they will present the theatrical production "Waiting for the Ground to Move," written and directed by Rev. Tom Lutz, Pastor at St. Paul's, Eden. This is open to the public and would be absolutely remarkable if there was a large showing from local congregations. We need your help! Please consider attending and encourage your members to attend. You won't be disappointed! For more information, please contact our office at 833-6950 or go to website - [www.lcm-buffalo.org](http://www.lcm-buffalo.org). Rev. Galen M. Purpura Jr., Campus Pastor



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL is accepting registrations for their 3 and 4 year old fall programs. St. John's is located at Clinton St. and Union Rd. in West Seneca. Please call Sandy Haase at 668-3584 for more information.





**2010 Pioneer Golf Benefit a  
Fun-Filled Success**

On Friday, June 11th Pioneer held its 9th Annual Golf Benefit at the sparkling new Diamond Hawk Golf Course in Cheektowaga, NY.

The event had a distinctly military and patriotic theme, as all proceeds raised will help support the Operation Purple® Camp Program for children of military personnel. Nearly 100 golfers enjoyed a fun-filled day of golf, great food and fellowship.

Pioneer would like to say a heartfelt "Thanks!" to all the golfers who attended, as well as all the PAVS staff who volunteered their precious time. Many thanks to all our sponsors, donors, and prize givers who joined together to help support our military families!

Honoring our military heroes was a major theme throughout the day, and we were honored to have Pastor and Battalion Chaplain Alex Knowles share from his heart about Operation Purple® Camp and of the military community of which he is a part.

Former Buffalo Sabres star Rob Ray was our guest MC for the event, and he did a wonderful job keeping the program flowing with his heart and humor.

The 2010 Golf Benefit is now history, and we already look forward to next year's event! Kudos to the Golf Committee who worked so hard for so many months to help make this event a success: Co-Chairs **Barb and Dave Bartholomew** and Committee members **Norrine Nagel, Jeff Barr, Pastor Fred Jacobi, Pastor Chris Agnes, Paul Wane ski and Eric Rosen.**

We never forget that amidst all the hard work, and even the fun and games, it's all about the precious hearts of the children and their families; that the love of Jesus Christ would shine brightly through the selfless acts of kindness and generosity of all who serve here and support this ministry. **THANK YOU!**



***Te Deum: A Festival of Hymns***

Celebrating Our Lives of Faith on Sunday, September 26th at 7 pm. at Holy Ghost, 6630 Luther St., Niagara Falls (Bergholtz) Salem Choir will participate in the mass choir which will be accompanied by brass and hand bells. The organist and conductor is Dr. Scott Hyslop who is the Director of Parish Music at St. Lorenz Lutheran in Frankenmuth, MI .

*Lois Jones*

**THANK YOU**

A grateful Thank you to all our Salem family for the many prayers, cards and concerns while I was at Father Bakers and Mercy Hospital and now home.  
*From Carl Radtke and the entire family*



Dear friends at Salem Lutheran, Thank you for your investment in the future of our students. Your gift will be used to help us carry out our goals. We appreciate your prayers and financial support for our ministry. As a friend of Lutheran Campus Ministries, your gift, sent through the Eastern District, supports the commitment made by Lutherans of the Niagara Frontier to maintain a Christian community, in a Lutheran tradition on our college campuses. *In mission with you, Rev. Galen Purpura Jr., Campus Pastor, Lutheran Campus Ministries on the Niagara Frontier*



**THANK YOU** from Sandy Mulvaney for all the donations of artificial flowers. No more donations of flowers are necessary. If your family has placed flowers on the altar, please save the empty white vases from them for Sandy. Thanks again.



To all the members at Salem, Thank you so much for the generous donations received and all your efforts for the benefits held for us. Thrivent matching funds were also appreciated. *God bless you all. Esther and Pastor Ron Sprehe and family*

**PASTOR SPREHE BENEFIT REPORT**

The final total amount raised for Pastor Ron Sprehe and his family was **\$14,478**. This amount includes funds from the benefit on May 22<sup>nd</sup> and the Strawberry Social on June 13<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate Thrivent Financial for Lutherans who assisted with matching funds. Thanks again to all who made these events successful.

# SPAGHETTI DINNER

Date: Friday, September 24, 2010

Time: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Place: Salem Lutheran Church

10 McClellan Circle

Buffalo, N.Y. 14220

Tickets: Adults: \$7.00

Children 4 – 12: \$4.00

3 and under – FREE

Benefit: ChristCare Resource Room

## Menu

Spaghetti with homemade

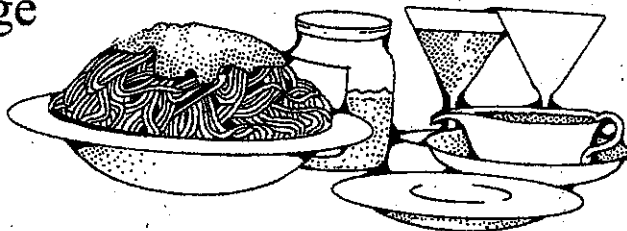
Meatballs and sauce

Salad

Bread and Butter

Dessert

Beverage



## Ticket Sellers:

Shirley Banas

James A. Carr

Ruth E. Carr

Darlene LaPenna

James Krol

Sally M. McAlpine

Ernelle L. Ponivas

Roy A. Sheppard

Joyce C. Vassallo

Thrivent for Lutherans Matching Funds



**A STEWARD IS** a manager, a trustee, and overseer of what belongs to another! Christian stewards belong to Christ... redeemed, loved, forgiven, called, sent by Christ to be HIS agents of blessing in the home, family, community and world each new day!

Christian stewards seek to know and follow the priorities of the "Chief Steward" - Jesus, our Lord! His stewards use His manual - the Bible- to know and do His will. It has to do with all of life, not just money, or time, or talents!

Those are some, but not all, of the aspects of being a Christian steward!

"Christian stewardship is the free and joyful management of and all of life's resources for God's purposes!" That is the challenge and the blessing of seeing the meaning of our baptism into Christ's family, "the body of Christ", the Church! It involves an on-going decision making process about our values, HIS values, our priorities, HIS priorities for us ... AND the privilege of sharing Christ's eternal Life, Hope and Love, by word and deed, with all whose lives we can touch! My fellow stewards, younger and older, may God bless our journey!

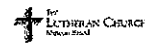
*Pastor Belasic*

**LECTORS AND PRAYER  
LEADERS NEEDED**

Please contact Joanne Kushka if interested.



Niagara Lutheran Health Foundation presents  
**MUSIC AND A MESSAGE**  
Join us for a FREE jazz and swing concert with former American Idol TV sensation JOHN STEVENS Hear how your support helps further our mission of caring and enjoy a hors d'oeuvre reception.  
**Tuesday, September 21, 2010**  
7 pm  
Greenfield Manor, Seibold Chapel & Auditorium  
5953 Broadway, Lancaster  
RSVP 886-4377 ext. 312



2010 National Offering

To The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, Thank you for your generous support and prayers on behalf of ONE People—Sharing Christ's Love and our beloved Synod. As of the week of our 64th convention the LCMS has received from our congregations and their members more than \$628,000 to help provide for the ministries of the Synod.

The 2010 National Offering will be distributed to the following unmet mission and ministry needs; National and international mission planting that has distributed grants to 35 new covenant congregations and is in the process of reviewing additional requests for newly planted churches.

Congregation revitalization to help rural and small town congregations reach out to their communities through the assistance of the Transforming Congregations Network. Stewardship renewal and education to strengthen their perpetual endowment fund available to encourage members to manage the gifts God entrusts to them freely, joyously, and generously so that His kingdom is advanced and His purposes accomplished.

The remainder of the National Offering funds will help the LCMS provide timely resources to restructure the national ministries to better serve the whole church through it's members, their congregations and communities with grace and mercy in the name of our Lord and Savior.

Your faithful generosity and prayers on behalf of the Synod's worldwide vision, mission and ministry will be a blessing to all.

In thanks to a gracious God who fills us with hope there is still time to be included in this year's offering. Send your offering today to ONE People—Sharing Christ's Love, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, PO Box 790417, St. Louis, MO 63179-9952.

Yours in Christ,

*Gerald B. Kieschnick*  
Rev. Dr. Gerald B. Kieschnick  
President

*Matthew Harrison*  
Rev. Matthew Harrison  
President Elect



**GOLDEN AGERS RETREAT**

September 20-23, 2010

Pioneer Camp & Retreat Center

Theme: "What are you doing here?"

Cost: \$60 - day option; \$170 -overnight

Contact 549-1420 or [info@pioneercamp.org](mailto:info@pioneercamp.org)  
for more registration information

**ChristCare Youth Ministry  
Presents Dance Class**

**Date: Mondays from September 20, 2010 to May 2, 2011**

**Tap Dance**

**Time: 5:15 PM To 6:00**

**Ages: 3 years to 5 years**

**Introduction to tap dance, You will learn how to do  
the basic moves in tap  
Shuffle Step, Ball Change, Time Step and etc**

**Jazz Class**

**Time: 6:15 PM to 7:00 PM**

**Ages: 6 year to 9 years**

**Introduction to Jazz, stressing coordination, placement and  
flexibility. This level is designed to focus on the Basic of Jazz  
dance ,breaking down movements and skills necessary for  
this dance form**

**Jazz Class**

**Time: 7:15 PM to 8:00 PM**

**Ages 10 years and Up**

**Introduction to Jazz, a class in basic Jazz movements  
and technique emphasizing, coordination,  
placement, flexibility and musicality**

**\$5.00 Donation per class for equipment and supplies**

**If interested**

**Contact: Darlene LaPenna 716-822-4435**

**Salem Lutheran Church - 716-824-2787**

**Classes are open to all members of the community.**



How many of us ever stop to think  
 Of music as wondrous magic link  
 With God, taking sometimes the place of prayer  
 When words have failed us 'neath the weight of care  
 Music that knows no country, race or creed  
 But gives to each according to his need.

**HELP WANTED !!**

**POSITIONS OPEN:**

- SOPRANO** - must have a large mouth, a loud voice, and reasonable hearing. Helps if you're a girl, but we're not picky!
- ALTO** - this is usually the hardest part to sing and it doesn't get much recognition, so if you're into self-sacrifice, we could use you here.
- TENOR** - If you can sing like a bird - specifically, the hairy crested, broad breasted, silver tongued, flap mouthed, warbler - then this is your spot.
- BASS** - If you can sing in the key of "L" (for LOW), and if you like catchy words like, "oom pah pah" and "doot doot doo wah," you will find it right here.

**STEADY EMPLOYMENT: NO LAYOFFS**

**PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS:** the usual complement of lungs to carry light musical notes part way across the sanctuary. Must have sufficient vision to see director 20 feet away.

**EXPERIENCE:** no application accepted from persons who have not sung, hummed, or whistled in the tub or shower.

**WAGES:** Exempt from all State and Federal Taxes! Satisfaction and joy in God's service.

**CHANCES FOR ADVANCEMENT:** Out of this world!

**ON JOB TRAINING:** provided by trained technician

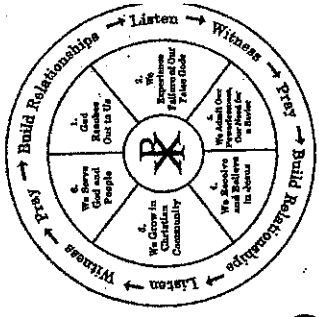
**FRINGE BENEFITS INCLUDE:** reserved seat for every service  
 free uniforms  
 three months vacation every year  
 pleasant working conditions  
 excellent working hours  
 social security - we promise you the security of social fellowship with other members of the choir

**HOURS:** Sunday mornings and 1 1/2 hours Wednesday evenings with occasional opportunities for overtime (at above mentioned wages).

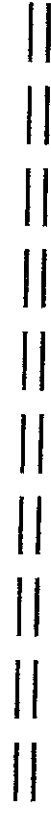
**RETIREMENT:** Spiritual benefits second to none. No particular age, but it is generally determined by prayer, printed notes getting too small, robe too heavy, notes too high, sanctuary too hot (or cold), or organist unable to play the notes you sing.

**REHEARSALS:** Senior Choir - beginning Wednesday, September 8, 2010 - 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

**APPLY:** Lois Jones, Personnel Manager  
 Phone: 941-5685



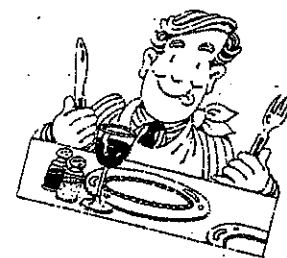
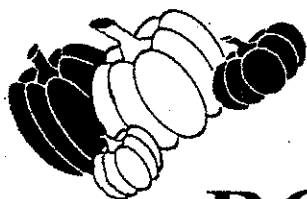
# Me, an Evangelist?



## Eight ways to talk about JESUS

1. **Jesus the HEALER** .... Matt 11:4-5, Psalm 107:19-20, I Peter 2:24
2. **Jesus the GOOD SHEPHERD** .... Psalm 23, Isa 40:11, John 10:11 and 27-29
3. **Jesus the DELIVERER**.... Isa. 41:10, Isa. 43:2, Isa. 45:22
4. **Jesus the LAMB OF GOD**.... John 1:29, Rev. 22:1
5. **Jesus the RECONCILER**... Rom. 5:6-11, ICor. 5:17-21
6. **Jesus our IMMANUEL, God with us**.... Matt. 1:23
7. **Jesus the FRIEND OF SINNERS**.... 2 Cor. 5:21, IPeter 2:24
8. **Jesus Christ the VICTOR!**...Psalm 98:1, ICor. 15:54-57 IJohn 5: 4-5

by: ChristCare Ministries



# **BENEFIT ROAST BEEF DINNER**

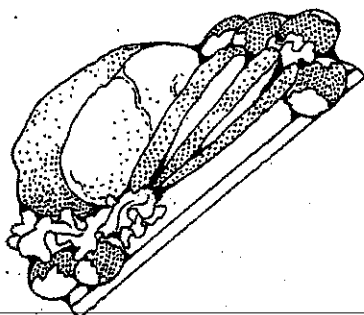
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Theme Baskets and Home-made Soup Sale

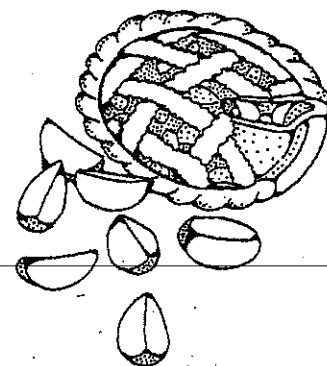
**Wednesday, October 20 , 2010**

**4:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

(Doors open at 3:30 p.m.)



Salem Lutheran Church  
10 McClellan Circle  
Buffalo, New York 14220  
824-2787



**\$9.00 adults; \$4.00 children (4-12)**

**Under 3 free**

**TAKE-OUTS AVAILABLE**