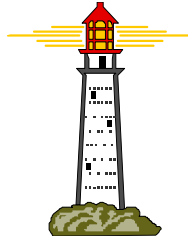




The Pilot

**"JESUS, SAVIOR, PILOT ME
OVER LIFE'S TEMPESTUOUS SEA ...
CHART AND COMPASS COME FROM THEE:
JESUS, SAVIOR, PILOT ME."**



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1 Corinthians 15:13 (NIV) *"If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised."*

We believe that Jesus rose from the dead, sealing our forgiveness and ensuring our entrance into heaven.

But how many thousands will not give thanks on the day of Resurrection? How many will have their own agenda of rejection planned?

Week night worship services?

Our Board of Elders is exploring the idea of providing week night worship services throughout the year. Attached to the newsletter is a survey for you to fill out. Or even better, you can fill it out on the internet. Just go to our church website and click on the survey link. The password is "worship." If at all possible, use the website survey because the paper surveys will have to be entered and tabulated on the website by volunteers. So this will save us a step. If you don't have web access, then by all means, fill out the paper survey. There will be drop box in the Narthex to place your completed survey's in.

Church wall repair

We have someone coming in to repair the water damage on the south wall by the balcony in church. He will start after Easter and should have it done in about 3 weeks. The Trustees will also get advice on repairing other cracks and paint chipping throughout the church. The initial cost is under \$4,000. That amount will be covered by our General Fund.

For many, Jesus didn't rise. At least they don't show it. Are they ashamed of Jesus? So you say you are a believer? You believe Jesus died and rose for you? Tell God "face to face" in our worship service. Tell others by your presence in worship that Christ has risen. Take a stand on your faith. Make sure you are standing on the solid foundation. God wants to hear your voice... joined together with fellow believers.

Arbor Day scheduled

The Trustees have set up Saturday, April 19 for Arbor Day with Saturday, May 3 as the alternate (in case of snow or rain). We will have projects lined up to beautify our campus and get it ready for spring and summer. Any and all members can come and find something to do. More information will be disseminated in bulletins and notes as we get closer.

Road-side Pickup

The Church Council has scheduled Saturday, April 26 at 7:00 a.m. to pick up the trash on County Road 123. This is part of our church's community involvement. If you would like to help, show up at 7!

Annual Dad's Pancake Breakfast

The Pancake breakfast will be held on Sunday, April 13 from 9:00 to Noon. Dad's participation sheets will be sent home with students in Sunday school and Salem school on March 30 and 31. Dads: be looking for these sheets.

Recruitment for Salem

If you subscribe to Charter Communications cable TV, you will see commercials for Salem Lutheran in conjunction with Mt. Olive School in Delano. Commercials will run on TBS, Nickelodeon, Cartoon Network, A&E, Animal Planet, VH1, ABE Family stations. Check it out! The commercials will run numerous times through out the day... 2 weeks on, then 1 week off, then 2 weeks on.

We are also working on ads for the CineMagic theater in St. Michael. These would show along with the previews of movies.

These commercials and ads are made possible by the Thrivent Grant of \$25,000 to be used for recruitment over the next 3 years. Our Recruitment Committee is busy with plans on getting our name, school and commitment to Christian Education out to the community.

Our open house held in the beginning of March did not bring in many families. But we feel that there may be other opportunities, such as an August open house after the parade season is over.

We thank all those who helped clean school to ready it for the open house and those who helped on that day with their kindness and energy.

If you would like to help out with the parades this year, please contact Mr. Meitner. We would like to enter the parades in June in Buffalo and Albertville and in August in Hanover, Rockford and St. Michael.

Ushering for the month of April:

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:30</u>	<u>Fin. Counters</u>
April 6	PR3	L6	Jauman/Anderson
April 13	S1	R8	Leerssen/Jauman
April 20	L2	PR4	Bechtold/Beise
April 27	R3	S5	Beise/Anderson

Head Ushers:

Paul Reich	763-682-1306
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Computers for school

This coming summer we are going to be making some changes to our computer system so that we can utilize open source software (no cost software). As we do so, we would like to add a few more computer terminals to our classrooms. If you have a used computer that you would like to donate, please see Pastor Strong. He can tell you if your computer would work.

Clavinova Fund

The school and PTC continues to collect donations for a school clavinova (electronic piano). If you wish to donate, you can give it to school. Thrivent matching funds can be utilized as well. You will find forms in the office or at church in the Narthex.

Items for school

We collect:

- Campbell products—UPC symbols
- “Box Tops for education” from General Mills products
- Kemp’s Milk Program
- Used Cell phones
- Used Computer printer ink cartridges and laser cartridges
- Pop can tabs, given to the Ronald McDonald House
- Dominoes Pizza proof of purchase dots
- Nestle Pure Life Bottled Water labels

Drop these collections off at church or school.

Have a *Target* Charge Card?

Designate Salem School as recipients of 1% of your charges.

Shop at *Office Depot*?

Give them our Salem school ID: 70054214
And our school will receive 5% credit.

Lenten Soup n' Sandwich Suppers

Thank you to the groups that sponsored the Soup n' Sandwich suppers. Especially a thank you to the Ladies' Aid for serving two of the suppers. Members appreciate not having to prepare supper for their families and thus being able to make it to our Wednesday evening worship services.

Scrip Program

We will continue to offer the Scrip Program which enables people to purchase gift cards for major businesses through our church and school. Then the program receives a discount off of the gift cards which will then be used for tuition assistance, school projects and church projects. For further information, talk to Carol Green or Kathy Strong . There are sheets at church and school which lists many of the available gift cards.

Quarterly Voters' Meeting/Open Forum

The next voters' meeting will be held on Sunday April 20. The Open Forum will be held at 9:00 a.m. for all members of Salem to attend. You will have the opportunity to hear reports from the boards of the church council and if you have questions or comments, you may express them. The voters will

then take these into consideration as they meet to deliberate the issues at the voters' meeting which will commence at 11:30 a.m.

Constitution Reprinted

We have reprinted the church constitution that was revised on April 17, 2005. This replaces all earlier editions. If you would like a copy, you will find it in church or the office at school. The cover is salmon colored.

Congratulations:

Duane and Sarah Bechtold. They were married on February 23rd.

Our prayers go out to Lynn, Paul and Heather Schwartz. The Lord took to heaven unexpectedly their husband/father, Glenn on February 28. The comfort of Jesus' Resurrection gives us the assurance of a happy reunion in heaven.

Babysitting Clearinghouse

Are you looking for a dependable babysitter? Are you looking for babysitting jobs?
If you are a babysitter or if you need a babysitter,
please contact Carol Meyer, coordinator at 763-682-3754 or mac0508@hotmail.com.

Finances:

Year-to-date as of February 29, 2008

Budgeted Envelope Offerings: \$ 254,468.00

Received Envelope Offerings: \$ 246,648.13

We are paying off our loan at about \$2,000 per month. The amount due for our Capital improvement projects is \$84,656. The more we can pay now, the less in interest we pay later.