

Zion Lutheran Church 308 Lambert Street PO Box 56 Oklee, MN 56742 218-796-5128

# Oklee Lutheran Parish

Parish Secretary Bonny Cote bcote@okleelutheran.org 612-840-9401

# September 2024

Check out our website: OkleeLutheran.org



Salem Lutheran Church 29531 180th St SE PO Box 56 Oklee, MN 56742

# · Salem's next



# Severe Weather Contact System

The system will use your cell number if it was provided or else we will use home number on record in directory.

Please text your name to Bonny at 612.840.9401 to add cell information to the system.

This service will also be used for meeting notices and church service cancellations or other urgent situations.



- Salem's next council meeting is **Tuesday, October 8th** at 6:30 p.m.
- Zion's next council meeting is **Wednesday**, **October 9th** at 7:00 p.m.
- The Parish Board meeting will be on **Thursday, October 10th** at 7:00 p.m.

Please attend your meetings!
It is important to be there to support your church & community.



September 1:

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 15: James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

September 8:

Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17; Mark 7:24-37

> September 15: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 116:1-9; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

September 22: Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54; James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37

September 29: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Psalm 19:7-14; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50



### Birthdays & Anniversaries

### **Birthdays**

5: Arley L. Brekke

6: Ryleigh Sherman

8: Vincent Dessellier

9: David Hofstad Amanda Nelson

13: Aurora Mitzner

16: Megan Lukkes

18: Violet Cote

Tim Munt

20: Janae Olson

21: Ginny Stoneouse

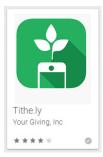
Bailey Sherman 24: Ione Nelson

Graham Vettleson

#### **Anniversaries**

1:Les & Cheryl O'Neill Logan & Abbey O'Neill Ashley & David Halverson 18: Ted & Jenny Linder Brad & Nancy Gunderson 21: David & Stacey Hofstad 24: Kyle & Chelsey Vettleson

If you would like to add a birthday or anniversary, contact Bonny Cote at 218-796-4688 or email: bcote@okleelutheran.org



Please continue to be generous in your support!

Use the Tithe.ly app

The Link is on our website: okleelutheran.org

or

Try our new QR Code

Thank You!!



# Update: You now have six choices to choose from to make your donation:

- Oklee Lutheran Parish
- Parish Youth Group
- Zion Church
- Salem Church
- Zion Cemetery
- Salem Cemetery

### **Zion News**

#### **Zion WELCA Meets**

The Zion WELCA meets at the church at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, **September 4th** 

All ladies of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

# **Salem News**

#### **Salem WELCA Meets**

The Salem WELCA meets at the church at 7:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month unless noted differently on the calendar.

This month the meeting is set for Wednesday, **September 4** at 7:00 p.m. Elaine McGeary has Bible Study and is the Hostess.

All ladies of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

#### Salem Working on a History Book, Need Family Histories

At the 2023 Salem annual meeting, July 13, 2025, was set as a date to celebrate Salem's 130th anniversary since the 125th anniversary fell during covid. As part of the celebration we will be putting together a new history book. We'd like to include a section on family histories in the book. Some possible things to include in your family history are the family members, marriage year, parents, children, grandchildren, occupations, family connection to Salem, anything you'd like to share about your family for future generations. Please include a picture or two. Articles and photos may be emailed to Alice Hofstad alicehofstad@okleelutheran.org. Older photos can be scanned and attached to the email. Cell phones are wonderful for scanning photos. One of my favorites for the iPhone is Genius Scan as it will eliminate distortion cause by the angle you hold the phone. Be sure to send photos as jpgs, not pdfs. Also send them at the highest resolution possible and the largest size possible. This is necessary so it will reproduce well in the book. If you'd rather, you can give the photos to Alice to scan and give back to you.

We are looking at a deadline of Dec 31, 2024, for including family histories. That's eleven months away, but don't wait until your backs are against the wall! You might want to do a little research of your own about your family!

# ~ Parish News ~

# **Confirmation News**

There will be a meeting with the confirmands and their parents on Wednesday, September 18th at Zion Lutheran Church. Time TBD. Watch the bulletin for times! ~Eric Mickelson

ELCA Lay Minister Marijo Vik will be open to visitations. If you would like her to come and visit with you please contact Bonny Cote to make the arrangements. Bonny's contact information is: Cell: 612-840-9401, or email: bcote@okleelutheran.org



Salem Sunday School is held at 9:00 AM Zion Sunday School is held at 10:00AM.

# Did you know that the Synod has a person who offers assistance with Legacy Giving?

If you love your church and would like help setting up some sort of legacy, call Keith Pearson at 773-380-2483 or email him at Keith.Pearson@elca.org. He can help you look at wills, trusts, charitable gift annuities, qualified charitable distributions from your IRA and more. He has flyers located in the lobby area of the church at both Zion and Salem.

#### okleelutheran.org

It works on your phone or computer web browser. Our website is updated every Sunday night. Check on Mondays for new announcements.

We encourage you to sign-up on our website for emails. Stay informed about upcoming events and special posts to our website. Go to the bottom of any page and look for Subscribe to our emails. Complete the form. We promise no more than 3 emails a month will be sent.

There are links to our Facebook page and YouTube channel.

# USE ERS

#### **Salem Ushers List**

Sun. Sept. 1: Ginny Stoneouse
Sun. Sept. 8: Shirley Dessellier
Sun. Sept. 15: Wyatt Vettleson
Sun. Sept. 22: Toni Johnson
Sun. Sept. 29: Paula Christianson

#### **Zion Ushers List**

Sun. Sept. 1: Diane Hanson
Sun. Sept. 8: Eric Mickelson
Sun. Sept. 15: Eric Mickelson
Sun. Sept. 22: Eric Mickelson
Sun. Sept. 29: Eric Mickelson

\*\*\* Remember, if you are not able to usher the date you are assigned, it is your responsibility to find your replacement.\*\*\*





Greetings from Inter-County Community Council (ICCC), your local Community Action Agency.



Do you know someone that has young children or are expecting a child? Head Start serves expectant parents and families with children 0-5 years old, at no cost to the family. We have open spots for this school year....we would love to serve YOUR family!

#### Can we help you with any of these?

- Making sure their child is ready for school
- Finding ways to play and interact with their child at home
- Building their child's self-esteem
- Supporting their child's health, development or mental health
- Setting family goals to help them succeed
- Making connections with other parents of young children

#### All Program Options offer:

- Activities designed for YOUR child
- Events for you & your child to meet other families
- Parenting information & support
- Screening & information on healthy child development

When asked "What you value most about Head Start" our enrolled parents of ICCC Head Start had this to say:

"I really appreciate the fact that it's like a parent and child support system. It educates both me, the parent and my child, and offers many resources for parent education/support."

"We enjoy the play/learning interactions that we get out of it. Such a fun way to grow and learn"

"The time each teacher is able to invest in my child. The community my child gets to be a part of."

"The staff is always helpful, knowledgeable and kind."

"I have loved that head start has kept us on tract with

learning and propelling her forward through her milestones. I love that we have been able to set goals and meet them, not just with education, but with our entire family unit. Head start has been an outlet for me to stay plugged into community, and allowed me to serve on the Policy Council (parent governing board) for many years. It helped me to grow my confidence as a mother and a teacher to my child. Head Start ended up helping me in my career by viewing things through a more rounded perspective. It would be too hard to narrow it down to just one valuable thing, as Head Start is about SO many things, and touches SO many areas of people's lives!"

ICCC Head Start provides services in Clearwater, east Polk, Pennington, and Red Lake counties.

We accept applications for Head Start year-round. Any family may apply, but priority is given to those with limited income or have children meeting our categorical eligibility. Our application can be completed online. There is a link on our website to the application. Want help applying, just give us a call and we'll send someone out to help you through the process.

Thank you for the opportunity to share space in your newsletter. To learn more about ICCC you can visit www.intercountycc.org or call me directly at 218-796-5144 ext 1027.

Yours in action- Catherine Johnson, Executive Director.



## 2024 Council Lists for Zion & Salem

#### Zion:

President: Cheryl O'Neill & Gin Berns

V. President: Conway Hamm Treasurer: Marcella Melby Secretary: Jami Hendrickson

Property & Management: Sarah Beth Lee,

John Pendelton, Diane Hanson, and Chad Parsley

Deacons: Norman Nelson, and Kari Hamm.

Board of Ed: Sarah Jo Lee

#### Salem:

President: David Hofstad V. President: Josh Vettleson Secretary: Paula Christianson

Treasurer: Lisa Kolstoe Financial Sec.: Toni Johnson

Property & Management: Wyatt Vettleson, Ron

Hegge, and Kyle Vettleson

Deacons: Ginny Stoneouse, and Shirley Dessellier

Board of Ed: Erica Larson

# **Food Truck Vacation Bible School Photos**



### **Zion Minutes & Financials**

#### Zion Lutheran Church Meeting Minutes Date: August 6th, 2024

Members Present: Gin Berns, Diane Hanson, Sarah Jo Lee, Sarah Beth Lee, Conway Hamm, Jami Hendrickson, Cheryl O'Neill, Kari Hamm Also in attendance: Marcella Melby, Treasurer MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY Co-President, Cheryl O'Neill.

The secretary's report was read. 1st - Diane 2nd – Conway. Motion Approved

Treasurer's report: Submitted by Marcella Melby. Marcella asks that if anyone charges to a Zion charge account, please let her know. Motion made to accept report: 1st - Gin 2nd – Sarah Jo Motion Approved

Pastor's report: N/A

Old Business: Parsonage Update: Pastor Carl and his mother, Elizabeth, have moved into the parsonage. It will be rented in July, August and September. Property taxes will need to be paid for these three months and will be prorated.

Ushering for the month of September: Sept. 1: Diane, Sept. 8: Gin, Sept. 15: Sarah Jo, Sept. 22: Jami, Sept. 29: Sarah Beth

Oklee Market Days Hamburger Stand Fundraiser is on Saturday, August 10th. Supplies are all bought and workers lined up.

New Business: Communion will be held the 1st and 3rd Sunday until after Thanksgiving. This is a change from the 1st and 2nd Sunday that we currently have.

Rally Sunday is tentatively set for Sunday, September 15th, 2024.

RLC Social Services has inquired about renting a classroom in the church basement to use as an occasional meeting place with their clients. Council was in favor. Cheryl will charge what our bylaws state. 1st- Kari 2nd-Sarah Beth Motion Approved

Approximately 12 students in Confirmation this year. Parish is looking for a Confirmation leader to teach the classes.

The original donation of \$40,000 from Grace McManus into the Protective Life Insurance account has been withdrawn and will be reinvested due to a low interest rate. It was decided that a committee would be charged with deciding how to reinvest the \$40,000 to earn more interest. The committee will consist of 3 people: Joyce Austad, Zion's current financial treasurer (Marcella Melby) and a current council member (Cheryl

O'Neill). These funds are now at Security State Bank in Oklee.

Council member terms/years of service were discussed. Cheryl stated that this spring, Bonny and Pastor Linda checked term years and our current council members are correct. Past annual meetings had them listed incorrect. Any questions can be directed to the parish secretary, Bonny.

Church Mutual Insurance is our current insurance policy. Cheryl brought a quote from Northstar. She will reach out to Northstar to see if a rep can talk with the council and answer any questions.

Meetings will be moved to the second Wednesday of every other month until further notice. October 9th will be the next meeting.

The Lord's Prayer was read. Meeting adjourned: 1st - Conway 2nd – Sarah Beth Motion Carried

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 9th, 2024

Submitted by Jami Hendrickson

Thursday, August 01, 2024				
Zion Lutheran Church				
Financial Statement				
Balance 6-1-2024			\$	4,301.34
24.4.100 0 1 202 1			Ψ.	.,,
Income				
Offerings	\$	4,372.00		
•				
Tithely	Ф	1,315.00		
WELCA Donation	\$	600.00		
RLC Dividend Check	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$	18.70		
Truck Show Concessions	\$	749.00		
Memorial Donation (Cliff Melby)	\$	5,035.00		
Protective Life Ins (Scholarship)	\$	40,797.15		
Transfer Scholarship Fund (Ella M)	\$	250.00		
Total Income	Ψ		\$	53,136.85
rotal moonic			Ψ	00,100.00
Pudgeted Expenses				
Budgeted Expenses	•	44 000 44		
Parish Pmt (April, May, June)	\$	11,896.44		
Cash for Concessions & Market Dayl	\$	235.00		
Ottertial	\$	444.86		
Synod	\$	600.00		
Ella Moen (Scholarship)	\$ \$ \$ <u>\$</u> \$	250.00		
, ,,	\$	13,426.30		
Non- Budgeted Expenses				
5 1				
	\$			
Total Expenses	Ψ		\$	13,426.30
			\$	
Ending Balance 7-31-24			Ф	44,011.89
December Covings on of 4 24 2022				
Passbook Savings as of 1-31 2023				<b>#705.00</b>
Grace McManus Scholarship				\$735.63
Building Fund				\$4,640.65
Elevator		\$814.00		
Windows		\$3,056.78		
Undesignated		\$769.87		
Memorial Fund				\$8,269.54
Undesignated		\$4,939.83		, . ,
Sunday School		\$345.00		
Building Fund		\$2,154.71		
<u> </u>		. ,		
Elevator		\$130.00		
Lending Library		\$700.00		

### **Salem Minutes & Financial**

	<b>3</b> a	nem w	IIIIut
Salem Lutheran	Church		
Beginning Balance			\$35,436.93
	Income: Offerings		\$1,585.70
Total Ca	sh Available	-	\$37,022.63
	F:::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::		
	Expenses: Paula Christianson (Signs)	\$196.79	
	RLEC	\$131.27	
	RLC Coop	\$187.50	
	BNJ Plumbing (Faucet)	\$256.50	
Total Ex		-	\$772.06 \$36,250.57
Ending Balance Ju	ne 30, 2024		φ30,230.3 <i>1</i>
	Income:		£4.000.00
	Offerings		\$4,062.32
Total Ca	sh Available		\$40,312.89
	Expenses:		
	Deluxe Checks	\$19.00	
	Parish	\$4,177.19	
	RLEC	\$141.78	
	Tyrone Olson (Septic)	\$715.00	
	Parish (Candle Oil) Brennen Christianson	\$203.50 \$1,100.00	
Total Ex		\$1,100.00	\$6,356.47
Ending Balance Ju		-	\$33,956.42
9			ψου,σου <u>_</u>
	Income:		<b>04 405 00</b>
	Offerings		\$1,125.00
	Building Fund Cemetery Maintenance		\$715.00 \$1,100.00
T-4-1 O-	•	-	
i otai Ca	sh Available		\$2,940.00
	Expenses:	<b>64 477 46</b>	
	Parish	\$4,177.19	
Total Ex	penses	-	\$4,177.19
Ending August 12,	2024	-	\$32,719.23
g /g.uot /_,		=	ψο <u>υ, του</u>
Cemetery Perpetual C	are Savings:	\$12,572.84	
Interest \$57	7.30	, ,-	
Deposit: Lu Memorials:	verne Mathson Plots	\$500.00	)
Cemetery Maintenance	e Fund Savings:	\$12,205.18	<b>;</b>
Income: Th	rivent \$58.74		
CD Interest			
Interest \$55 Deposits: \$			
Building Fund Savings	3	\$5,837.17	
Interest \$24	1.25		
Deposits:			
Memorial Fund Saving	js:	\$3,061.59	1
Interest \$11	.48		
Memoriale:			

**Salem Lutheran Church** 

Council Meeting Notes – Aug. 13th, 2024

**Attendance:** David, Paula, Lisa, Toni, Ginny, Shirley, Erica **Secretary's report** read by: Paula. Approved by 1<sup>st</sup> Ginny,

2<sup>nd</sup> by Lisa.

Financial Secretary's report: Toni

Budget Amount: \$41,153.06 Offerings received: \$37,381.38

Short: -\$3771.68

Motion to approve/Approved: 1<sup>st</sup> Shirley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Paula **Treasurer's report** read by: Lisa. Approved by 1<sup>st</sup> Toni, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ginny

**Old Business:** From our last meeting, Valley cemetery maintenance was called for headstone repair estimate. Council agreed upon \$2000 a year for cemetery headstone maintenance. Repairs have not started. Quarter round for the flooring is needed, Lisa will reach out to Leif Kolstoe to determine what should be ordered. Bathroom remodel is on hold until after flooring can be installed and we have more people available for the work. Tyrone Olson fixed the septic issue and replaced one toilet. Door Handle needs to be replaced; property management will replace the door locks. West door may need to be fully replaced; Josh will look into the cost of a new door. New windows for the north wall have been measured and installation needs to be lined up, Shirley will contact Oklee Lumber. Upcoming 130th Celebration – July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025. From last meetings: Shirley will prepare the church directory. Alice is preparing history book. There will be a morning meal for the celebration, Toni and Sandra will oversee the meal. Possible other options for the celebration, chime choir or Sunday school kids singing. Continued discussion on the 130th Celebration, Family photos for a Church directory will need to be taken. Shirley will contact Lifeway photography to get pricing for photos.

**New Business:** VBS went well with a great turn out and lots of energy. Food truck and the last day with families invited was well received.

September 8<sup>th</sup> will be God's Work Our Hands with a Care for your Church Day. All are invited to Salem after services for cleaning and cemetery cleanup. Light snacks will be provided.

September 15<sup>th</sup> is Rally Sunday to welcome students back to Sunday School with a potluck after services.

There will be 14 students attending confirmation classes this year. Discussion on confirmation curriculum will continue with board of education members.

Salem continues to need help cleaning the church, anyone available please sign up in the entry way poster board.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**Motion to Adjourn, approved:** 1st by Lisa, 2nd by Toni. **Next Meeting Date:** October 8th, 2024, at 6:30pm.

\$13,899.96 Cemetery Perp. Car

\$5.819.43 Cemetery Maint.

Maturity

Maturity

4 50%

5/25/2025

5/25/2025

Memorials:

CD #14297

CD #14298

### **Special Parish Council Meeting**

#### Special Parish Board meeting August 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.

Roll call: Cheryl O'Neill, Gin Berns, David Hofstad, and Kyle Vettleson. Missing were Conway Hamm and Josh Vettleson.

Minutes were looked at and approved by Kyle V. and David H. Carried.

Financial report was given by Bonny Cote, and was approved by by Kyle V. and Gin B. Carried.
Old Business:

Parsonage was discussed, new heat pump installed and has been paid for.

Purchasing of a new computer was discussed. Bonny was to bring a quote, which she did. The cost of a new laptop computer is \$619 plus tax. The computer is used for building the bulletins and the powerpoint presentation weekly. The board accepted the bid and approved by Kyle V and David H. Carried.

#### **New Business:**

Cheryl talked to Eric Mickelson, who has been in discussion with Elaine McGeary and Liz Follmann and is willing to teach confirmation. The program may change from last year and payment to Eric will be negotiated after talking to him more about it. Bonny mentioned she has purchased the study bibles for the class already. A parents meeting will be held also before confirmation starts.

Sunday School will start at both churches on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Gods Work Our Hands was brought up. It is September 8<sup>th</sup>. It was decided to have that Sunday be a Joint Service at 10 a.m. at Zion. There is a brunch that will be held at the Hall as a fund raiser for Zion and afterwards, both church members who want to, will go back to their own churches for cleaning before Sunday School starts.

Cheryl asked for an opinion on the Zion/ Parsonage Insurance. The board thought the parsonage and church amounts should be raised and to get a new quote. She thank everyone for their input.

Also discussed was looking for pulpit supply for after November as Marijo Vik will be gone for a few months. Bonny will call Gary Graff and Joyce White for dates in December, January, & February. Marijo Vik has expressed interest in coming back after her winter vacation.

It was decided to skip the September meeting and meet in October and November.

Meeting was adjourned by David H & Gin B. The Lords Prayer was said in closing.

The Next meeting will be October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

#### Parish Banking Summary - YTD

1/1/2024 through 8/15/2024

Category	1/1/2024- 8/15/2024	
NCOME		
Income		
Joint Service	0.0	
Misc		
Tithely	235.0	
TOTAL Misc	235.0	
Salem	33,417.5	
Zion	24,241.9	
TOTAL Income	57,894.4	
Parsonage Donation	1,200.0	
TOTAL INCOME	59,094.4	
XPENSES		
Uncategorized	0.0	
Operational		
Auto Expense	1,068.0	
Computer Allowance	350.0	
Electricity	1,131.0	
Heat	105.5	
Miscellaneous	18.0	
Office Supplies	523.3	
Copier TOTAL Office Supplies	833.7	
Postage	1,357.0	
Newsletter	302.0 638.9	
TOTAL Postage	940.9	
Repairs	940.8	
Parsonage	7,787.8	
TOTAL Repairs	7,787.8	
Telephone	7,707.0	
Dial My Calls Service	50.0	
Telephone Parsonage	375.0	
Telephone Zion	578.2	
TOTAL Telephone	1,003.2	
Water-Garbage	957.6	
Work. Comp Insurance	496.0	
TOTAL Operational	15,215.3	
Program		
Block Party	57.5	
Bulletins Etc	666.1	
Confi-1 Com	141.6	
Lent	300.0	
Misc.	203.5	
Pastor's Contining Ed	75.0	
Pulpit Supply	3,150.0	
TOTAL Program	4,593.9	
Salary		
Pastor		
Annuity	0.0	
FICA	1,235.1	
Pension-Insur.	7,636.8	
Salary	16,145.1	
TOTAL Pastor	25,017.1	
Secretary		
FICA	229.5	
Salary	2,333.3	
TOTAL Secretary	2,562.8	
TOTAL Salary	27,579.9	
TOTAL EXPENSES	47,389.1	

-			•	
29 9:00 a.m. Zion 9:00 a.m. SS @ Salem 10:00 a.m. SS @ Zion 10:30 a.m. Salem	9:00 a.m. Zion 9:00 a.m. SS @ Salem 10:00 a.m. SS @ Zion 10:30 a.m. Salem	9:00 a.m. Zion 9:00 a.m. SS @ Salem 10:00 a.m. SS @ Zion 10:30 a.m. Salem Communion	8 Gods Work Our Hands 9:00 a.m. Breakfast @ Oklee Hall 10:00 a.m. Joint @Zion Service @ Zion	Sunday  1  9:00 a.m. Zion  10:30 a.m. Salem  Communion
30	23		9	Monday  2  LABOR DAY
	24	17	10	Tuesday 3
Zion Ushers Sept. 1: Diane H. Sept. 8: Eric M. Sept. 15: Eric M. Sept. 22: Eric M. Sept. 29: Eric M.	25	Confirmation Meeting - Parents & Students @ Zion TBD	11	Wednesday 4
Salem Ushers Sept. 1: Ginny S. Sept. 8: Shirley D. Sept. 15: Wyatt V. Sept. 22: Toni J. Sept. 29: Paula C.	26	19	12	Thursday 5
<u>Zion Altar</u> Kaye Munt	27	20	13	6 Friday
<u>Salem Altar</u> Stacey Hofstad	28	21	14	Saturday 7

The Newsletter deadline will be the first Saturday after the 15th of the month. Please send your contributions to Bonny by email to bcote@okleelutheran.org.

Or call or text Bonny at 612-840-9401. Thank you!!



"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:6-7 ESV

September 2024 Newsletter

Oklee Lutheran Parish
Salem and Zion Lutheran Churches
PO Box 56
Oklee, MN 56742

Non-Profit
U. S. Postage
Paid
Permit # 16
Oklee, MN 56742