

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

Malone, Texas

May 2006



**Grace and peace to you in Christ Jesus,
God Incarnate!**

It is hard to believe that Salem's 120th anniversary is only a month away! It is probably safe to say that when the founding members of the congregation met on June 6th, 1886, they would not have imagined the world we live in today—the War between the States was not 'ancient history,' but living memory; German was the language of the worship and daily life; and who *didn't* farm? Our concerns about transportation 'corridors'; the decline of our culture; the transformation of the most basic elements of our way of life, might have overwhelmed them if they could even have imagined how greatly the world would change.

What has not changed is man's nature, and our need for the grace of God. What has not changed is our need for God's Word in its truth and purity, and the Sacraments according to the institution of Christ Jesus, the Lord of the Church. The language of the divine service changed; the Lord whom we worship, and the grace He has bestowed upon His people are unchanging.

This is where our focus needs to be as we prepare to celebrate 120 years of God's grace: His mercy is unchanging, His promises unfailing, and our need the same as that of those who came before us. It is right that we come before Him in humility and repentance, but also in joy, knowing that through the gracious salvation accomplished by Christ Jesus, the hope of salvation in and through Him does not fail.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Heiser

Schedule for May

Monday, May 1	7:15 p.m.	Board of Elders
Wednesday, May 3:	11:00 a.m.	Midweek Bible Class-Psalms
Sunday, May 7:	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
<i>Jubilate</i>	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service-Holy Communion
	11:30 a.m.	Anniversary Committee
Wednesday, May 10:	11:00 a.m.	Midweek Bible Class-Psalms
Sunday, May 14:	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
<i>Cantate</i>	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service-Holy Communion
	11:30 a.m.	Altar Guild Meeting
Wednesday, May 17:	11 a.m.	Midweek Bible Class-Psalms
Saturday, May 20:	8 a.m.	Men's Fellowship Breakfast
<i>Rogate</i>	8 a.m.	Salem Lutheran Women's Guild
	9 a.m.	Board of Trustees
Sunday, May 21:	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service-Holy Communion
	11:30 a.m.	Board of Education
Wednesday, May 24:	11 a.m.	Midweek Bible Class-Psalms
Sunday, May 28:	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
<i>Exaudi</i>	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service
	11:30 a.m.	Anniversary Committee

ADULT BIBLE CLASS AND MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS—If you haven't been there, you're missing out! On Wednesdays, we continue our study of the book of Psalms. Those who have been attending have seen over and over how the Psalms 'speak' to us today; come and hear the Word of the Lord!

The Sunday Adult Bible Class continues its study of the liturgy. We've been looking at the biblical roots of the Divine Service, the pattern and history of the Church Year, Church architecture, and many other interrelated topics. This is your opportunity to *learn why* our Divine Service is the way it is. Don't miss out!

May Birthdays:

4th: Ronnie Banik
6th: Lillie Matthews
7th: Samantha Jeske
12th: Greg Markwardt, Denise Heiser, Bryan Henkel
17th: Brenda Baxter
19th: Frances Degner
20th: Lillian Schronk, Jana Schulz
23rd: Todd Schulz
31st: Todd Henkel

May Anniversaries:

2nd: Eddie Ray and Sue Schulz
8th: Luke and Cheri Thomas
12th: Walter and June Garcia
16th: Scott and Patricia Riddle
17th: Ralph and Joyce Crumpton
21st: David and Sherri Huse

ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE—We will have two anniversary committee meetings this month, one on the 7th, and the other on the 28th. All committee members, and anyone who is interested in helping, is encouraged to attend the meetings. The celebration is only one month away! Help us with the final preparations.

ALTAR GUILD MEETING—We will have an Altar Guild meeting on the 14th following Divine Service. All guild members should plan on staying for the meeting, since we will be discussing some of the basic duties of the guild, and plans for the future.

BOARD OF EDUCATION—We will have our regular meeting on May 21st. It's time to be getting ready for Vacation Bible School! Come and help us plan.



A BLESSED EASTER—Each year we celebrate the good news of our Lord's Resurrection from the dead—the hope of all who believe in Jesus. The hope of eternal life is ours because we have been baptized into Christ. On Easter morning, **Jonah Karl Krumvieda** entered the family of the heavenly Father through that holy Sacrament of water and the Word. "Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." (Rom. 6:4)



As always, the children eager awaited the Easter egg hunt...

Our thanks to everyone who contributed
lilies to beautify the sanctuary for Easter!



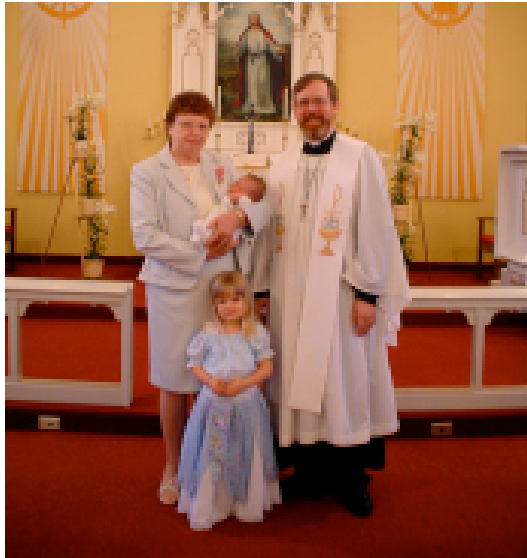
Lodie Banik	1	In memory of Walter
Pastor and Denise Heiser	2	In memory of Mary Heiser
Charles & Donna Huse	2	In memory of our parents
Gary & Terri Kelm	1	
Martin & Darlene Kelm	1	
Eddie & Nancy Krueger	1	
Morris & Rosemary Kruger	1	
Cliff & Pam Krumvieda	1	
Edwin & Margie Kucera	1	In memory of loved ones
Alton & Dorothy Markwardt	1	
Larry & Barbara Markwardt	1	
Eric & Linda Rachut	2	
Don & Tina Schnell	1	Thanksgiving for the Lord's Resurrection
Delta Schulz	1	
Eddie Ray & Sue Schulz	1	
Billy & Kay Watson	2	
Patsy Williams	1	
Tony Zettler	1	In memory of Walter

Thanks to...

The Choir, for their beautiful music on Easter Sunday; and to
the Elders, for their work for their Easter Breakfast.

WELCOME, LINDA KRUNVIEDA!

On Easter morning, Linda Krumvieda (Cliff's mother) joined Salem by affirmation of faith. (Linda was previously a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.) Linda is moving to Hubbard. We are all very happy to have Linda in our community and our congregation!



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION—On Pentecost Sunday (June 4th) Salem will have its 120th anniversary celebration. The preacher for the anniversary will be Pastor John Rutowicz of St. Boniface Lutheran Church in Niles, Michigan. The Vespers service will be 4:30, with a Supper to follow at 6 p.m.

Salem will also host the next meeting of the confessional Lutheran pastors, beginning with the Colloquium on Monday, and continuing through our pastoral conference on Tuesday and Wednesday. (Last year's conference was hosted by St. Boniface Lutheran.) The conferences provide the pastors with an important opportunity to address plans for our fellowship.



Our deepest appreciation to all of Ray's friends who offered condolences by their presence at his service and expressed affection through cards, flowers, memorials and most of all your prayers. To Pastor Heiser for conducting a beautiful service. To the ladies for their hospitality and delicious food.

May God bless you,
Louise and Gwen King

CONFESSIONAL LUTHERAN MISSION FUND ESTABLISHED—On Easter Sunday, the voters decided at the quarterly meeting to establish the Confessional Lutheran Mission Fund, and elected the first mission board. The board consists of the pastor, chairman of the Elders (Gary Kelm), congregational treasurer (Kay Watson), and the congregation elected the following additional members: Sean Fant, Cliff Krumvieda, Larry Markwardt, and Eric Rachut.

At an earlier, special voters meeting, the congregation set an initial goal of \$5,000 to be raised by July 1, and decided that goals for six months, one year, etc., would be set later.

The mission fund provides Salem with an opportunity to assist other confessional Lutherans in the process of establishing congregations. Please help them by supporting this effort as the Lord has given you the means to do so!

VOTERS PLAN FOR NEW SALEM SIGNS—The voters also resolved to build new congregational signs on SR 171 and FM 308 to replace the wooden signs which have become rather worn. The new signs will be approximately the same size as the old ones, but will be metal signs, and so should hold up well for many years to come. The voters decided to appropriate the necessary funds from the general fund, with the intention that special donations would help to replace the money expended for the sign.

THEOLOGICAL COLLOQUIUM SCHEDULED—On June 5th, the Monday following our congregational anniversary, Salem will host a ‘free conference’ or ‘colloquium’. A colloquium offers an opportunity to pastors to share the benefits of their studies an audience which may not be specialists in the same areas. Speakers include: Pastors Jeffrey Ahonen (“Setting the Table in the North: Lessons on Church Fellowship from the Scandinavian Lutherans”), Kent Heimbigner (“Concerning the Donatists, Ancient and Modern”), James Heiser (“The Influence of Hermeticism in the 16th and 17th Centuries”), C. D. Hudson (“Diognetus and the ‘Third Race’—An Introduction”), Paul Siems (“How Holy is Sanctification?”) and Michael Totten (“Three Interpretations of the Great Commission—An Assessment”). Pastors and laity are invited to attend! The colloquium begins at 9:15 that morning, with registration at 8:30.

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The Rev. James D. Heiser, Pastor

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Divine Service

Holy Communion—1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays

On the Radio: KHDR (1560 AM) Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

On the Web: <http://www.salemchurch.net>

