

# SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

Malone, Texas

November 2006

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

The last Sunday in November will be the end of another year of the Church; it is “The Sunday of the Fulfillment.” On that day, we remember the promise which the Lord made to His Church: that He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and that His people will be with Him forever.

Our time in this fallen world is short; the span of our lives seems to race by us. From All Saints’ Day (Nov. 1) to the Sunday of the Fulfillment, each of us should ask himself, “How am I receiving the Word which the Lord proclaims to me? How am I strengthening my brothers and sisters in the faith?”

Above all, I urge you to be faithful in receiving the good gifts of God: be faithful in hearing the Word and coming to Communion. These are the things which the Lord uses to strengthen your faith. Encourage others in such a faithful walk, as well. Also, please do not neglect the Bible classes which are provided on Sunday and Wednesday, as you have opportunity. Above all, please do not deprive the young of their opportunity to learn—please bring them to Sunday School and the Divine Service.

Pray for the churches served by our diocese; many of them are mission congregations, and thus they face significant challenges. If you are able to help assist them through Salem’s mission fund, please do so. The mission fund isn’t something we do for ourselves; it is our opportunity to help others hear the Word.

Please make use of the resources which are available to you: *The Lutheran Herald*, the *Good News* magazine, *Gottesdienst*, and now the new video resource, *The Lutheran Faith: A Mighty Fortress*. There’s a lot of variety of materials here, and much which you can use for your edification, and share with others.

What a joy to be blessed with the abundance of God’s Word, and to have the ability to share it with others!

Yours in Christ,  
*Pastor Heiser*

## Schedule for November

1 <sup>st</sup>	11 a.m.	Bible Study—Psalms
	7:30 p.m.	All Saints' Day—Service/Communion
5 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service-Holy Communion
	5 p.m.	Guy Fawkes Day—Hayride, Bonfire
8 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m.	Bible Study—Psalms
12 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service—Holy Communion
15 <sup>th</sup>	11 a.m.	Bible Study—Psalms
18 <sup>th</sup>	8 a.m.	Men's Fellowship Breakfast
	9 a.m.	Board of Trustees
19 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service—Holy Communion
	11:45 a.m.	Board of Education
22 <sup>nd</sup>	7:30 p.m.	THANKSGIVING EVE-Communion
26 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service
	11:45 a.m.	Altar Guild

### “Remember, Remember, the Fifth of November!”

The “Gunpowder Plot” is still remembered throughout the English-speaking world as the Papist plot to blow up Parliament, and subject the people to Roman tyranny. The conspiracy failed, but the treason is remembered—and commemorated each year with bonfires (including burning the pope in effigy) and fireworks.



Our **November 5<sup>th</sup>** celebration will be a little more “tame” with hayride, bonfire, and marshmallows and hotdogs. Join us at **5 p.m.** and enjoy the fun!



**Give thanks unto the Lord,  
for He is good, and His  
mercy endures forever!**

**Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Holy Communion**

### November Birthdays:

1<sup>st</sup>: Richard Enders  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Audrey Willenborg  
4<sup>th</sup>: Anna Belle Strauch  
7<sup>th</sup>: Gilbert Ender, Rosemary Kruger  
8<sup>th</sup>: Elizabeth Youngblood  
9<sup>th</sup>: Tony Zettler  
10<sup>th</sup>: June Garcia  
11<sup>th</sup>: Martin Kelm  
12<sup>th</sup>: Conner Garcia  
15<sup>th</sup>: Agatha Krumvieda  
16<sup>th</sup>: Emma Piel  
20<sup>th</sup>: Gary Kelm  
29<sup>th</sup>: Todd Williams, Patricia Henk  
30<sup>th</sup>: Margie Kucera

### November Anniversaries:

1<sup>st</sup>: Melvin & Pam Ender  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Alton & Dorothy Markwardt (Happy 55<sup>th</sup>!)  
26<sup>th</sup>: Don & Tina Schnell

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**THE LUTHERAN HERALD**—The “Reformation” issue of *The Lutheran Herald* (the publication of our diocese) is available in the narthex. Each issue contains edifying articles and news from around the diocese.

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### CONFESSIONAL LUTHERAN MISSION FUND UPDATE

Earlier this year, the voters decided 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.

The initial goal of \$5,000 by July 1 was met and exceeded; the July voters meeting set a new goal of \$10,000 by the end of the year. The fund has now passed the \$7,500 mark, but we still have a way to go. Please help the fund—and help future missions!

## Ladies' Guild and Men's Fellowship



Women's Fellowship

The Ladies' Guild will be offering desserts for Thanksgiving. Along with the traditional pies, some specialties of our members will be available. Orders can be made right after church two Sundays prior to Thanksgiving. The Ladies' Guild is asking for donations.

Salem's Christmas Celebration is set for Friday, **December 15** beginning at 6 P.M. The evening for sure will include a potluck dinner, games and fellowship.

To celebrate the New Year Salem will have an evening service followed by fellowship. We will then spend the evening playing games while we stay up way past our bedtimes to welcome 2007.

—Pam Krumvieda

The **Men's Fellowship** will have its **November** meeting on the **18<sup>th</sup>**, with breakfast at **8 a.m.** The men are studying the Book of Proverbs.

The Chicken BBQ back on October 7<sup>th</sup> was a big success—thanks to everyone who was involved, and who joined us for the meal and fellowship. Over \$475 was raised in support of Salem's Radio Ministry and the Confessional Lutheran Mission Fund. The men's fellowship hopes to make to BBQ an annual October event, and also to plan a meal for the Spring.



**Men's Chicken  
BBQ  
October 7**

The BBQ was a wonderful time for fellowship (and good music!) as well as enjoying a good meal. Between those who ate on Saturday evening, and those who took



the 'left overs' on Sunday after church, nothing went to waste.

The funds raised in connection with the BBQ will provide important assistance to two efforts to proclaim God's Word: Salem's KHBR Radio Ministry, and the Confessional Lutheran Mission Fund.

On the First Sunday in Advent, Salem will mark the beginning of the

FIFTH YEAR of broadcasts on KHBR! And we are making progress toward the goal for the Mission Fund.

Yes, sometimes you *can* have fun doing the right thing.



## **Sunday School-Board of Education**

Sunday School is progressing well. Terri Kelm and Denise Heiser are teaching the school age children while Pam and Agatha Krumvieda work and learn in the Nursery. All children and friends are welcome to join in at any time.

This year's Children's Christmas Eve service will be the program written by Greg Markwardt. Practices will begin the first Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 26<sup>th</sup>. Immediately after Sunday service the children will receive lunch in the fellowship hall followed by practice ending at 2:30 P.M.

Parents! Here is your dream opportunity! Donna Huse and Pam Krumvieda have volunteered to keep the children after practice until 6 P.M. on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. They hope to give parents a chance to shop, wrap gifts, clean house or just enjoy their spouse for the afternoon.

—Pam Krumvieda

## **Salem Choir**

The first practice for the Christmas season is scheduled for Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. For this date we will plan the music and practice schedule. On Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4 P.M. we will be singing Christmas carols to shut-ins and members who reside in nursing homes in Hubbard and Hillsboro. From Salem we will likely go to Hubbard then work our way to Hillsboro. Following caroling those who wish to share a soup supper may return to Salem. If Christmas caroling at the nursing homes works out well, plans to do the same for Easter will follow.

—Pam Krumvieda



## Coffee Cakes and Reformation?

Okay, maybe the connection isn't immediately obvious, but it still worked pretty well! There were nine entries in the coffee cake contest, and all of them were delicious.

This year, following the lunch, we watched the 1953, black and white Luther movie. The Reformation is still something to celebrate! We thank the Lord we can celebrate it in peace, and have the freedom to hear God's Word.



## The Lutheran Faith: A Mighty Fortress

A new resource is available for sharing the faith with others. A Confessional Lutheran 'video



tract' ("The Lutheran Faith: A Mighty Fortress") has been produced by *Vox Visuals* which gives a basic introduction to the Christian faith. The video is only 10 minutes, but it packs a lot in! Copies are available in the narthex—please take them, and share them with others! More videos will soon be available, beginning with "Holy Baptism: Water of Life."

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The Rev. James D. Heiser, Pastor

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Divine Service

Holy Communion—1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays

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

***On the Web: <http://www.salemlutheranchurch.net>***

