SALEM eNews

10/14 to 10/21/26



To share the unconditional love of God in Jesus Christ with all people, and to serve God by serving others

Storyteller October 18, 2026 Giving to the Church

Think about your own history of giving to the church and what that has involved: offering envelopes, pledge cards, stewardship campaigns, building funds, tithing, what else?

How have you felt about all this? Pick three words that describe how you felt when the subject of giving to the church comes up:

honored	**obligated**	**manipulated**
challenged	**embarrassed**	**guilty**
delighted	**worried**	**eager**
compliant	**inadequate**	**defensive**
appreciated	**confused**	**grateful**
blessed	**generous**	**other:**

Can you account for these emotions with a brief description of your experiences?

Communal story – A story of the place of mission support in Salem Lutheran. Which words above might apply to how the congregation regards it's giving to the synod or other agencies?

Summer #79 was EPIC!
And our Infrastructure is showing it's age

This year, the combination of Lake Samish microbial content changing and the age of our water system forced Lutherwood to truck drinking water throughout the summer and fall to ensure camp was open and welcoming to all our guests.
As we sourced and repaired issues in the system, brought in experts to assist with problems, and trucked in water, Lutherwood was forced to spend $40,000 of unbudgeted reserve funds to keep camp functioning.
We need your help to bridge the unexpected financial gap. Will you make a donation today to ensure Lutherwood comes through 2026 strong and ready for 2027 and the 80th year of camp?







Friendship Circle Potluck
October 14 at noon
Theme is Halloween.
Good food, stories, and laughter.
All are welcome!



We all have stories to tell: humorous happenings, learning experiences, news about families, triumphs and tragedies, and plans for the future.
And as people of God, we have stories to tell about what God has done for us and about the difference that God's grace has made in our lives. For these weeks we will be focused on story-telling and giving - and to think of both as grateful responses to the grace of God.

REFORMATION SUNDAY
October 25

WEAR YOUR RED!!





GriefShare

SUPPORT GROUP

Every Wednesday at 6:00 pm

Free Community Spaghetti Dinner

October 24 5:00-6:30 pm

If you haven't had the opportunity to help prepare and/or serve our community at the Free Spaghetti Dinners each month, please consider joining us. Lots of fun and laughter as we work to Serve God by Serving Others. Contact Laurie for more information on how you can help!



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