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From Pastor Steve...

OUR NEW BISHOP

As of September 1, the Rev. Stacie Fidler will begin a six year term as bishop of the Northern Illinois Synod. Here is some biographical information about bishop-elect Fidler, and some excerpts from the profile that she submitted to the Synod Assembly.

The Rev. Stacie R. Fidler of Rock Island, Ill., was elected June 18 to serve a six-year term as bishop of the Northern Illinois Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The election took place during the synod assembly, which met online on June 5 and 12 and then in person at Augustana College in Rock Island June 17-18. Fidler was elected on the fifth ballot with 219 votes to 111 votes for the Rev. Dr. Janet Hunt, pastor of First Lutheran Church in DeKalb, Ill. A total of 166 votes was needed for election.

The bishop-elect has served as pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Rock Island since 1999. She was pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Seneca, Ill., from 1995 to 1999 and interim pastor of St. James Lutheran Church in Forreston, Ill., in 1995.

Fidler earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in religion with an Asian studies concentration from Augustana College in 1991 and her Master of Divinity degree from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago in 1995. She completed the Shalem Institute Group Leaders Program in 2002 and participates in ongoing continuing education with foci on leadership, spirituality and foundation management. The Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago is one of seven ELCA seminaries.

Fidler took office on Sept. 1. Her installation is scheduled for Oct. 8 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Rockford, Ill. Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will officiate at the installation.

Stacie Fidler's reflections on her call to ministry:

"I begin and travel daily remembering that I am a beloved child of God. I am called to a life of love and service, striving always to live God's promised kingdom here and now. I seek to hear God's call for reconciliation and being a 'repairer of the breach'. That call requires listening to the Spirit and listening to God's people. There are wounds out there that run deep; there are people who do not trust that they will be heard; there are surprises that God is waiting for us to recognize. God's Spirit calls me to bring the gift of resurrection hope. That call requires a gentle boldness, grounded in prayer and faith."

To watch a conversation with her and retiring Bishop Clements, use this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kEJg6GL22Xk>

- Steve Mindrup

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

CURRENT—Tom Glover*

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MILITARY—All people serving in the military, especially: Kaden Brennan, Kiersten Breunig, Danny Cassidy, Charlie Golowacz, Nathan Hunt, Brandon Jakubiec, Shawn Jakubiec, Joseph Kimmey, Ross Magee, Garrett O'Dell, Jared Usey, and Kevin Zaleski



***Indicates Salem member.**

Please help us keep this list up to date by checking on any persons you may have referred.



Mick and Donna Kimmey have asked us to express their thanks for birthday cards and good wishes from their Salem friends. Mick was especially grateful for the cookie plate.



SEPTEMBER MEMORY VERSE

To the king of the ages, immortal,
invisible, the only God, be honor and
glory forever and ever. Amen.

- 1 Timothy 1:17

ELW 834, "Immortal, Invisible, God
Only Wise"



SEPTEMBER SALEM CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



Salem's Congregation Council met at Salem on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, starting at approximately 6:30 p.m. Council members Jacqueline Beverage, Alan Deaton, Patricia Farley, Walter Farley, Bonnie Guyer, Sandy Martens, Pastor Steve Mindrup, and Nancy Rex attended this meeting.

Following devotions led by Patricia Farley, the minutes of the August 2, 2022, Salem Congregation Council meeting as prepared by Secretary Alan Deaton were accepted, and the treasurer's report presented by

Treasurer Bonnie Guyer was accepted. Bonnie Guyer reported balances as of September 6, 2022, for the following accounts.

General Fund: \$10,161.26 Designated Fund: \$28,251.53 Capital Fund: \$28,251.53

Monthly reports were presented by Pastor Steve Mindrup and council representatives of Salem's committees.

Finance Committee members noted that committee budget requests for 2023 should be submitted to the Finance Committee by October 27, 2022.

Property Committee members provided council members with photographs of repair and renovation projects needed around Salem.

Good comments were made about the progress being made on Salem's new website.

October 23, 2022, was set as the date for a meeting of Salem Congregation starting at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of electing members to Salem's Congregation Council.

CROP HUNGER WALK— 2022

**This year's CROP Walk will be at
Bethany Lutheran Church in Leland on Sunday, October 2nd**

Registration is at 1:15 Walk starts at 2:00

Church World Services (CWS) supports grassroots development, disaster relief and refugee assistance to all parts of the globe. CROP Walk is a major fundraiser for CWS and their work. 25% of all the funds raised will be donated to our local food pantries while the rest will be used wherever it is needed most.

PLEASE JOIN US to walk and raised money for this cause. Ask your friends and family to come along too. Its fun and rewarding!

Talk to Jan Dunn or Mickey to pick up a donations envelope.
Or

Make a donation to support these much needed ministries.

**Did you know that more than half the world population lives on \$2.00 a day or less?
A little help goes a long, long way!**



FALL FUN! SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

SALEM'S 19TH ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT 3-4 PM
Join in the fun! We need your decorated trunk!

BONFIRE—WEENIE ROAST 4-6 PM
Food, fun & fellowship for all ages.



THIS MONTH AT SALEM

FAIR WEEK OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday 9/6—Friday 9/9: 9 am—12 noon

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11—"Fair Sunday"

- 8:30 am Ecumenical Worship at the fairgrounds on the Home Arts Building Stage. Redhorse will be providing music, and Pastor Mindrup will be preaching.
- 10:30 am Traditional Worship at Salem (Note: NO 9:00 am worship at Salem on September 11)

PASTOR MINDRUP'S VACATION TIME : SEPTEMBER 19—29 Pastor Mindrup will be taking some well-deserved vacation time. Pastor Dennis Heaney will be filling in on Sunday, September 25



QUILT GROUP—The September work days for Salem's Quilters will be **Monday, September 12 and Tuesday, September 13** from 9:00 am to noon. They would welcome any willing workers to do a variety of tasks; no experience is needed. There are also quilt top kits pre-cut and ready for anyone to pick up in the narthex and take home to sew together. They are also in need of donations of old sheets—clean but in in any condition. Please speak to Patty Farley or Cheryl Carls if you have questions. Pictured at left is Joanne VanPelt hard at work at the sewing machine.



NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK—Please register before September 13 if you plan to volunteer at the Northern Illinois Food Bank on September 20. The mask mandate for volunteers has been lifted. New volunteers are always welcome. The group meets in Salem's parking lot at 8:00 am to share rides as needed. The shift is from 9:00 to 11:30 am, and the group stops for lunch on the way home. The next volunteer opportunity will be October 18.



SEPTEMBER LUNCH BUNCH GATHERING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 11:30 AM
TWO PARTNERS FAMILY RESTAURANT
212 Mitchell Dr., Plano (near DMV facility)
Please sign up to reserve your spot.
Call Donna Fraley (815-263-7227) if you need a ride.

RUTH UNIT
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Salem's Ruth Unit will begin their schedule of monthly meetings on Wednesday, September 28 at 1:00 pm at Salem. They will typically meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month. All ladies are invited to attend for fellowship and Bible study.



**SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 18**

**9:00 am Outdoor Worship
(Weather Permitting)**

**10:00 am Potluck Brunch followed by:
Dessert Raffle,
Fun & Games for All**

**Please bring your favorite breakfast or brunch dish to pass.
Beverages and table ware will be provided.**

**Donations of desserts for the raffle would be appreciated.
Please sign-up or contact Bonnie, Mickey or Sharon if you
can donate. Raffle will benefit Salem Sunday School.**

MANY WAYS TO BE INVOLVED—THERE'S A JOB FOR EVERYONE!

- Tent set-up on Saturday, 9am
- Getting chairs and tables ready on Saturday, 9am
- Putting chairs and tables in place on Sunday before worship, 8am
- Bringing food for brunch and donating a dessert for the raffle
- Helping to set up brunch table
- Cleaning up and putting away after brunch
- Taking down and putting away tables and chairs, taking down tent



Family time for the Beverage family at the Northern Illinois Food Bank

Pastor Mindrup helping our young people get ready for "Back-to-School"



Worshippers enjoying Sundaes on Sunday

"Kids" of all ages enjoying Water Fun Day

