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eNews



## Salem Lutheran Church and School

*We believe that there is no person or created thing that is outside the active love and grace of God, which is so wonderfully made known to us in the person of Jesus Christ.*



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## Salem Lutheran School

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**Transitional Kindergarten  
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**818-243-3193 Option 2**

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please email Laurie Mack [Laurie@SalemGlendale.org](mailto:Laurie@SalemGlendale.org)

Deadline is TUESDAY of the week of publication

Grace and Peace!

This past week I spent 16+ hours with Steve Seekins and Charlotte Walker at the ZOOM ELCA Southwest California Synod Assembly. We did some mundane business tasks, learned about exciting ministries happening in our



**Rev. Amie Barsch Odahl**

synod and in the USA, and we elected Rev. Brenda Bos as our new bishop! I am excited for the future of our church and I know Salem will be active and a leader in ministry!

The future excitement we have starts Sunday at 10am - LRCC (our Lutheran bible camps) is coming to assist in worship. They will be helping me to kick-off our summer sermon series "God's Good Creation!" In addition, they are bringing some of the farm animals to Salem!! This is a great time to invite someone to hybrid worship (in-person or ZOOM).

I look forward to seeing you at worship on Sunday.

God bless you!  
Pastor Amie

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## **The Rev. Brenda Bos Elected Bishop of the Southwest California Synod**



The Rev. Brenda Bos was elected to serve a six-year term as Bishop of the Southwest California Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America on June 5, 2021. The election took place during the 33rd Assembly of the Southwest California Synod, which was held online with live and recorded participation throughout the synod territory.

*"This is such a critical time for the church," said Bishop-elect Bos during her address to the assembly. "Our world is struggling to find peace and meaning. We have a unique gift to offer people: compassion, care, deep listening. I am humbled to serve along with the 33,000 Lutherans in our territory. Lutherans have a long history of education and service, and I hope to bring people together with hope and healing."*

A native Californian, Pastor Bos was ordained in 2014 in her home congregation of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in North Hollywood, a congregation known for its welcome of LGBTQ people. She attended Claremont School of Theology and Pacific Lutheran Theology Seminary, receiving a Masters of Divinity and Certificate of Theological Studies. Before entering the ministry, Bishop-elect Bos was a television producer at Warner Bros. studios, working on sitcoms such as "The George Lopez Show" and "The Golden Girls." She holds a bachelors degree in Broadcasting from Pepperdine University.

Most recently, she has served as the Assistant to the Bishop for Rostered Leadership for Southwest California Synod. She also served Christ Lutheran Church in San Clemente, where the congregation advocated for the rights of unhoused persons, seniors and those living with addiction. She has also served congregations in Santa Monica, Canoga Park and Danville, California.

Bishop-elect Bos lives with her wife and adult son. She will be the first openly lesbian bishop to serve the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.



**Pastor Amie Welcomes You to Salem's Outdoor In person Worship**

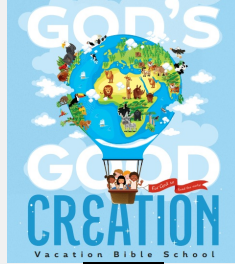
[Watch Video](#)

[Outdoor Worship Protocol](#)

**Hybrid Sunday Worship  
at 10:00 am  
In Person and Zoom  
at the same time!**

Recorded each week  
**Organ Concert  
Dr. Jay Brunot  
Fridays at 7:00 pm**





**Sunday, June 13**  
**Season After Pentecost**  
**God's Good Creation VBS Series**  
**LRCC Farm Animals**  
**Camp Staff Special Skit & Songs**

Outdoors on the school play yard  
Please enter through the  
upper courtyard center gate.  
Masks are Required. Shade is provided.

**Rev. Amie Barsch Odahl**  
**Assisting Minister:** Karen Josephson  
**Lector:** Bob Camacho  
**Keyboard:**  
Dr. Jay Brunot and Dave Siebels  
**Praise Leaders:** Dave and Sue Siebels  
**Technical Coordinator:** Hans Ludwig  
**Worship Assistants:** Barbara and TJ Denton  
Thank you musicians, singers & volunteers!

**Continue to experience  
worship online**

[ZOOM](#)

Meeting ID & Passcode: 818 243 3193



Enjoy a weekly informal  
30 min. concert  
available on Fridays at 7:00 pm  
recorded and posted on  
Salem's YouTube and Facebook



**Upcoming Summer Sunday Worship Highlights**



**JUNE 13**  
**LRCC Farm Animals  
come to Salem!**

The camp staff will be providing a special  
skit and songs. Come and pet baby Lily!



**JUNE 20**  
**Blessing of Car Keys and Permits**

If you are learning to drive or just got your license,  
we'd like to celebrate you!  
Please let [Pastor Amie](#) or the [office](#) know.

**Congratulations Salem Lutheran School  
Class of 2021 8th Graders!!**

*Amanda Gholian, Nicole Hatsagortsyan, Maribel Matar,  
Adriana Morelli and Ashlyn Pimental*



**2022 ELCA National Youth Gathering**

Students entering 9th grade to 2022 high school graduates are eligible to attend.

**Wednesday, June 30 at 7pm**  
**Information ZOOM Meeting with Pastor Amie**

Meeting ID & Passcode: 818-243-3193

[ZOOM LINK](#)

Please RSVP to Pastor Amie if you are interested in attending the information session

[pastor\\_amie@salemglendale.org](mailto:pastor_amie@salemglendale.org)

At this meeting we will watch a new promotional video and find out more about this upcoming event. The ELCA Youth Gatherings happen every 3 years (one year delayed due to COVID19) in a major US city. Lutheran youth from around the country attend. It is the largest youth gathering for any organization in the USA - with up to 50,000 kids attending in the past!!

[WATCH THIS QUICK INFO VIDEO](#)

It is an amazing time for our youth to see faith in action and to meet Lutheran kids from many places. This is only informational - we are not signing up yet. But, we need to start preparing. We will fundraise for this trip and cost should not be an issue for anyone - additional scholarships will be made available. In addition, we need adult chaperones. Please let me know if you are interested in this commitment.

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## Stained Glass Window Fundraiser

It's been a month of fundraising for the sanctuary stained glass window repair and we've collected enough funds to replace 6 whole windows! That's a great start! There are only 3 more months of fundraising left to keep filling in our tracker and making our goal. Please don't hesitate to donate today!

**Funds raised to date: \$17,176**

**Goal: \$45,000**

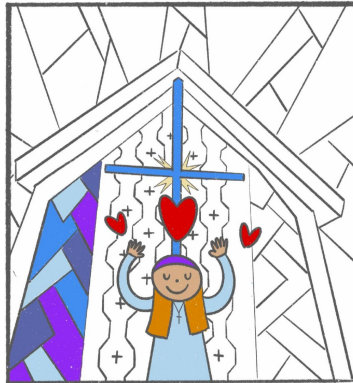
Click on these links for more info:

[Glass Color Samples](#)

[Windows mockup](#)

*Organized by the Women of Salem*

Questions: Kendra Frank [kendraf@yahoo.com](mailto:kendraf@yahoo.com)



## Blood Drive at Emmanuel Lutheran Church

**Fri. June 11 - Tomorrow!**

**11919 Oxnard Street, North Hollywood**

Parish Hall on the Laurel Hall School grounds

We're asking all eligible members of the Salem community to register to give blood at Emmanuel Lutheran Church on June 11. Please encourage your family and friends to participate as well. Many donation sites have been closed during the pandemic creating an urgent strain on blood supplies.

Go to [redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org) and use code **ELCNoHo** to find our drive. We're also on your smart device at your *Red Cross Blood Donor* app. Use this handy feature to book a donation time. Then on the day of your donation you can access the app's **RapidPass** to complete your questionnaire ahead of time, helping us speed up our sign-in procedures.

If you have any questions, please contact Denise Vanzago

818-845-0149 or [dmvanzago@gmail.com](mailto:dmvanzago@gmail.com)

Thank you for sharing the gift of life!

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**Salem PTO Fundraisers**  
**Support Salem Lutheran School - Thank you!!**





## Online Scholastic Book Fair continues through June 14

Please purchase children's books for family, grandchildren, friends or make a purchase for a teacher's in-class library.

Every purchase earns our school **REWARDS** for much needed resources plus shipping is free on book-only purchases over \$25!

The Scholastic Book Fair is online this year! You may access the Book Fair at the following link:

[Order Books](#)



## See's Candy Summer Fundraiser Now through September 1

We are hosting a  
See's Candy Fundraiser  
June 9 through September 1

Click on the following link:  
[Order Candy](#)

Support the Salem PTO all summer long as we prepare for another wonderful school year!

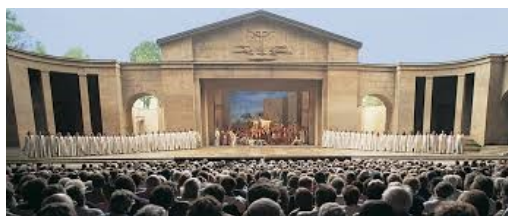


## SUNDAY COMMUNITY LUNCH PROGRAM

JULY 4, 11, 18 & 25

Social Outreach Committee is looking for help with its Community Lunch Program in July serving the homeless and food-insecure in Glendale. We can use some hands assembling and distributing the sack lunches each Sunday between 11-Noon, and/or help with preparation of sandwiches, salads or fresh fruit.

If you can help with either or both, please contact Valerie Zografos  
818-790-5698 or [vzografos@aol.com](mailto:vzografos@aol.com)



## Are You Ready to Travel!?!?



In Summer 2022 there are 2 opportunities for Salem members and friends to travel together in fellowship. Due to the pandemic, the planned June 2020 trip to see the most famous **Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany** had to be postponed to June 2022. The original trip from Zurich to Vienna has been updated and several more attractions have been added.

Check out all the trip details here...[SEE INFO](#)

Any questions contact:  
Kendra Frank [kendraf@yahoo.com](mailto:kendraf@yahoo.com) or Anastasia McGee [anastasia@alumni.ucsd.edu](mailto:anastasia@alumni.ucsd.edu)

Want to stay in Germany longer? Michael Bridges will be hosting his **Luther500Festival** immediately following the week afterward. Get all the details at [www.Luther500Festival.com](http://www.Luther500Festival.com), or talk with Michael.

Please note these are 2 separate trips that can be done by themselves or combined to create one amazing trip of a lifetime!



**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!**  
Please Donate breakroom snacks  
for our Essential Workers at Glendale Adventist Hospital

Salem has "adopted" one of the hospital units and we are supplying their break room with water and snacks – as



a special treat, as often as we are able!! We are asking members to help with donating and also making deliveries, which we hope to do every other week.

### Individually wrapped snacks are requested along with bottled water

There are 25 people using the break room in this unit

For pick ups in Burbank, Glendale or Pasadena, please contact Karil Drake Starleaf

[karildrake@yahoo.com](mailto:karildrake@yahoo.com) or 818-395-2353

For pick ups in the Foothills and Montrose, please contact Sue Siebels

[ssiebels@hotmail.com](mailto:ssiebels@hotmail.com) or 818-399-8046

For those living farther out, call Karil or Sue and arrangements will be made.

## Salem Justice Team

*"Learn to do good; seek justice. Defend the oppressed."*

Isaiah 1:17

**All are welcome to join!**

For more information or questions, contact Anastasia McGee [aqmcgee@gmail.com](mailto:aqmcgee@gmail.com)



## June is Pride Month

### The Bible and Homosexuality

For all the attention homosexuality has gotten in some religious circles, it is amazing to realize that there are only about 6 passages that some believe address the subject.

Obviously, the Bible has had multiple translations. Not all of those translations have been as accurate as we might have been led to believe. Whether the translators had an agenda or just were in error, their work has led to much discrimination for our LGBTQ siblings. ... [READ MORE](#)

## Women of Salem

**The Quilting Groups are at work  
safely in the Fireside Room**

All members must wear masks

and socially distance while working.

Please check with the following leaders

for dates & times.

Evening: Edith Close-Vaziri [closevaziri@yahoo.com](mailto:closevaziri@yahoo.com)

Morning: Karil Drake Starleaf [karildrake@yahoo.com](mailto:karildrake@yahoo.com)



Newsletter of the Southwest Calif. Synodical Women  
of the ELCA ["What's News - FEB. 2021"](#)



Please email your prayer requests to  
this confidential mailbox

[prayers@salemglendale.org](mailto:prayers@salemglendale.org)

## This Week's Public Prayer Requests

From Corky Gregson : I request prayers of healing for myself. Last weekend while camping, I had a hiking accident and injured my knee. I have a Doctor appointment tomorrow. Thank you!

From Liz Lewis : Asking for continued prayers for my friend Todd, who is dealing with brain cancer.

From Sue Siebels : Please pray for our safe travels to Colorado and back.

From Natalie La Scala : Please pray for our friend, Carl, for surgery. Xo

From Deb & Mark Johnsen : For Mark as he teaches his last week of school before retirement.

From Anastasia.McGee : Prayer for myself and co-workers who will be returning to the office full time in the next few weeks.

From Charlotte Walker : I'd like to add another prayer for a friend of mine whose family is in turmoil. Praying for renewed health and spirit.

## Celebrating June Birthdays



Harrison Smyser  
Janet Suzuki  
Regina Reed  
Kirstyn Bonneau  
Sheila Hansen  
Augusten Bonneau  
Ralph Froelich  
Vanessa Revilla  
Reza Hosseinkhani  
Nathaniel Kilgore

Masa Suzuki  
Owen Albers  
Lechelle Revilla  
David Arcia  
Ella Enney  
David Saenz de Maturana  
Grayson Reed  
Sarah Pilarski  
Violet Kaye

## Wedding Anniversaries

Richard and Lynn Carter  
TJ and Barbara Denton  
Christopher and Tiffany Noonan  
Scott and Pastor Amie Odahl  
David and Karil Starleaf

If you are a Salem member and your name is not on the list,  
please help us update our database so we can celebrate you!  
[laurie@salemglendale.org](mailto:laurie@salemglendale.org)

## LUTHERAN RETREATS, CAMPS & CONFERENCES

El Camino Pines  
Luther Glen Farm



## LRCC 2021 Summer Camp Opportunities

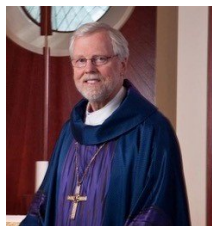
Visit their website for upcoming camps for children of all ages  
as well as family retreats. Cabin rentals are also available!

Space is limited due to COVID-19 protocols. Register early to reserve your spot.

[LRCCHome.com](http://LRCCHome.com) Camp Info

[Donate](#)

[Newsletter](#)



**Communications  
from  
Interim Bishop  
Murray Finck**



**Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

For Synod resources, events, ELCA Churchwide  
news, and communications go to [SoCalSynod.org](http://SoCalSynod.org)

You may sign up to receive important email notices including  
links to Synod Worship and Bible Study, as well as the Synod  
newsletter "Synews" and many other ZOOM opportunities. Go  
to [socialsynod.org](http://socialsynod.org), sign up is at the bottom of the home  
page.

## SWCA Synod Assembly June 4 - 5, 2021

"For Such A Time As This"  
Esther 4:14b

[View All Assembly Sessions](#)

[View Worship Service](#)

[Elected Council & Committee](#)

[3 Resolutions Passed](#)



**[LINK](#) for help to get Vaccine Appointments for ages 12+**

Many locations are now accepting drive ups or walk ins without an appointment. Be sure to check first.



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**[CLICK HERE](#)** to get started

**The Rev. Amie Barsch Odahl**  
***Pastor***

**Pamela Perry**  
***School Principal***

Laurie Mack - Parish Administrator  
Dr. Jay Brunot - Organist/Pianist  
Hans Ludwig - Adult Choir Director  
Yolanda Mosley - Virtual Youth Assistant  
Beth Chrzan - Cherubim Choir  
Debbie Kahwaji - Nursery Attendant  
Daniel Urrutia - Property Care

**Salem Lutheran Church  
and School Council**

President - Dave Weller  
Vice President - Lauren Kaye  
Secretary - Charlotte Walker  
Treasurer - Brant Reed  
School Board - Jim Pietsch  
Worship and Creative Arts - Dave Siebels  
Christian Education - Elizabeth Hall  
Social Outreach Interim - Kari Drake  
Member Care - Sue Siebels  
Facilities - Masa Suzuki

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