



SALEM CHURCH

God is still speaking

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November 2024

Proposed Mission Statement: Building a community around the love of Jesus where all are welcome.



Rev. Matthew Hunt

Totenfest Celebration at Salem Church: Honoring Our Saints

On Sunday, November 10th, 2024, during our 9 a.m. worship service, Salem Church will celebrate Totenfest—a tradition deeply rooted in our Evangelical and Reformed heritage. Totenfest, which means "Festival of the Dead" in German, is a special time when we

remember and honor the saints of our congregation who have passed away over the last year. This practice reflects our congregation's historical German roots, where it has long been customary to take time to remember loved ones who have gone before us.

During this poignant part of our service, we will recognize each saint with a moving tribute. For every loved one, a flower will be placed at the altar as a bell tolls, symbolizing their light and love, which continue to shine in our hearts. As their picture is displayed on the screen, we honor the unique ways they touched our lives and shaped our community. At the conclusion of the service, family members are welcome to pick up the flower of their loved one and take it home as a reminder of their enduring presence with us.


If you are new to Salem or unfamiliar with Totenfest, this is a sacred time for us to come together as a community of faith to acknowledge our losses and celebrate the eternal light that lives on in the hearts of those who loved them. It serves as a powerful reminder of God's promise that love transcends death and that we

remain connected to those we have lost.

We invite you to join us in this meaningful celebration as we remember, reflect, and honor the lives of those who have entered into God's eternal embrace.

With gratitude and peace,

Pastor Matt



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Loss happens ever so often and be devastating and disorienting.

Learning what grief feels like and expressions of mourning can be helpful.

Let us learn, feel, and walk together.

First three Sundays in November; will take place during Re:Charge.

Led by Denise Imlah and Becky Emerson.



Working hard at the Fall Rummage Sale organized by the Evening Guild.

Thank you!

WE, THE GUILD OF SALEM, WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE THAT HELPED US IN ANY WAY: SET UP, DONATE ITEMS, SELL ITEMS, AND CLEAN UP. WE HAD A GOOD SALE. THAT MONEY GOES OUT TO THE COMUNITY THROUGH OUR PROGRAMS AT CHURCH. EVERYONE WORKED REAL HARD AND DESERVES A PAT ON THE BACK AND A BIG THANK YOU. SEE YOU IN THE SPRING, PRESIDENT WANDA HAMANN-SALSMAN

Birthdays & Anniversaries

November 2024

Birthdays

- 11/3 Kathy Anastas
Ruth Lantz
- 11/4 Axel Stitt
Florence Stitt
- 11/5 Savannah Coelho
- 11/6 Josie Elder
- 11/9 Ken Abbath
David Tipton
- 11/11 Kyle Vail
- 11/13 Cassie Koch
- 11/14 Madeline Hendricks
- 11/16 Sue Welch
- 11/17 Victoria Dry
Jim Tipton
- 11/18 Robert Sronce
- 11/20 Hadley Moran

Anniversaries

- 11/20 Kim & Chad Akers
- 11/30 Linsey & Alicia Laughlin



Want to know more about the proposed changes to Salem's Constitution?

- Q&A session
- Sunday, Nov 3
- In the Lounge
- Immediately after church service



This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to God's will, God hears us. 1 JOHN 5:14

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| Leah Brice | Family & Friends of |
| Carolyn Carper | Jenni Moran |
| Laurie Charity | Connie Sue Novotny |
| Gary Daggett | Valerie Ortbal |
| Cindy Davis & Family | Wanda Hamann- |
| Victoria Dry | Salsman |
| Bob Fox | Johnny Turner |
| Steve Hibbard | Joyce Winn |
| Paula Jones | |

Dates to Remember

Saturday, November 2

- 8:00 am—Holiday Bazaar
- 11:30 am: BJ's Café—
Saturday Meals

Sunday, November 3

- 9:00 am: Breathe Deep Worship
with Communion
- 9:45 am: Constitution Q&A—
Lounge
- 10:00 am: Youth and Adult
Re:Charge
- 10:00 am: Grief Support Group
- 11:00 am: Potluck

Tuesday, November 5

- 4:30 pm: Property Task Force
- 5:30 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:45 pm: Choristers Rehearsal

Saturday, November 9

- 10:30 am: Paws & Prayers—
Pet Food Distribution
- 11:30 am: BJ's Café—
Saturday Meals

Sunday, November 10

- 9:00 am: Salem Worship—
Totenfest
- 9:45 am: Fall Congregational
Meeting
- 10:30 am: Youth and Adult
Re:Charge
- 10:30 am: Grief Support Group

Tuesday, November 12

- 5:30 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:45 pm: Choristers Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 13

- 6:00 pm: Ministries

Thursday, November 14

- 4:00 pm: Loads of Love

Saturday, November 16

- 11:30 am: Health Fair—
Toiletries Distribution
- 11:30 am: BJ's Café—
Saturday Meals

Sunday, November 17

- 9:00 am: Worship
- 10:00 am: Youth and Adult
Re:Charge
- 10:00 am: Grief Support Group

Tuesday, November 19

- 5:30 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:45 pm: Praise Team Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 20

- Newsletter deadline*
- 5:30 pm: Evening Guild
- 6:00 pm: VMST

Saturday, November 23

- 11:30 am: BJ's Café—
Saturday Meals

Sunday, November 24

- 9:00 am: Salem Worship
- 10:00 am: Youth and Adult
Re:Charge

Tuesday, November 26

- 5:30 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:45 pm: Praise Team Rehearsal

Saturday, November 30

- 11:30 am: BJ's Café—
Saturday Meals

Breathe Deep

Nov 3 – 9:00am



Holiday Bazaar

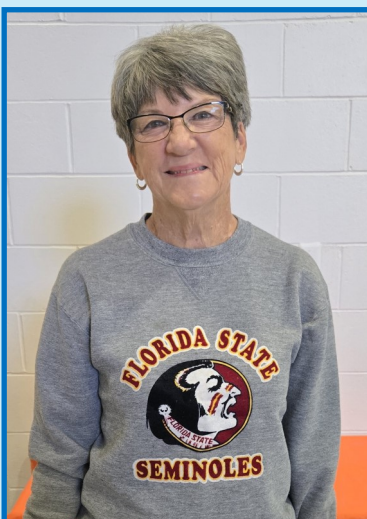
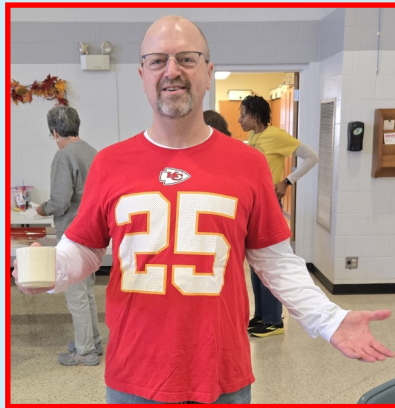
Saturday, November 2 - 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Craft and handmade items 🌲 baked goods 🌲

🌲 homemade candy 🌲 jewelry 🌲 floral arrangements 🌲 cemetery flowers 🌲

Tupperware 🌲 pecans 🌲 placemats

Many sports teams were represented at the *Soup-port Your Favorite Team* fundraiser for Loads of Love. Cardinal fans slightly outnumbered Packers fans with Cubs, Chiefs, and Blues supporters well behind. Royals and FSU Seminoles were also represented. \$656 was raised to support the Loads of Love ministry, enough for one month's expenses.



HAPPY ST. NICHOLAS DAY

Salem Youth, bring your (clean) shoes on Sun, Dec 1 for St. Nicholas to fill. Pick up your treat-filled shoes on Sun, Dec 8, at the 'Appy Holidays event.

GOD OVERFLOWS WITH LOVE

LEAF THRU A GOOD BOOK

Two of the latest billboards in the Fellowship Hall. Beautiful.



Our last harvest from Gods Garden. Total yield from garden this year 220 pounds. Pollinators enjoyed zinnias, gladiolus, and marigolds. Horizons and our BJ's cafe guests were the benefactors of fresh produce. Big thank you's to Rainbow Girls, Sylvia Baxter, and David Schaffer—all of whom helped in the garden this year.

Congregational Meeting

Annual Fall Congregational Meeting
 Sunday, November 10 –
 immediately after church in the Fellowship Hall
 Agenda: 2025 Budget; VMST Officers; Ministry Members



Potluck

*Sunday, November 3
 After Re:Charge
 Please bring a dish to pass*

2024 Salem Autumn Fest – Mill Creek Farm

Thanks to Barb Edwards and Katie Hoffman for the photos.

