

Dear church family and friends in Christ,

As you are likely aware, on March 25, Gov. Tim Walz signed three executive orders, which can be summarized as follows:

The state of MN is under a “Stay Home” order from Friday, March 27, 11:59PM through Friday, April 10, 5:00PM. This order may be extended.

Closure of bars, restaurants, etc. has been extended through May 1.

Schools will implement distance learning plans through May 4.

Your church council met virtually on Thursday night, March 26, to discuss the shifting situation. It was decided that SSLC will respond to these new executive orders in the following ways:

For the duration of the “Stay Home” order (now ending April 10), the church building will be completely closed. There will be no office hours. All staff will remain home, doing whatever work they can remotely. Pastors will come to the building only to record services, as allowed by the executive order (EO 20-20, section 6v).

After the “Stay Home” order is lifted, **SSLC services and activities will continue to be suspended through May 3.** However, at that time, full staff will return to the office on Mondays only, 8AM - 3PM.

We have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding. - Colossians 1:9

The extension of our church closure is perhaps not surprising, but we recognize how difficult it is to not be able to gather with one another in our sanctuary. It's tough for us pastors too. The hard truth is that this situation is likely to get worse before it gets better, in a variety of ways.

Know that Pastor Hollie and I are praying for you. We will be trying to connect individually with each one of you in the coming weeks, and as always, we are available anytime by phone, text or email. As needs arise – spiritual, emotional, physical, financial – please don't hesitate to let us know!

We will continue to hold services virtually from now through May 3. This includes Sundays, the remaining Wednesday in Lent, and Wednesdays after Easter. These services will be posted to our website (sslcmn.org) as well as our Facebook page. We will also continue to post daily devotionals, as well as explore some new ways to keep us connected and feed our spirits during this time.

As I have been connecting with people this past week, I've been inspired by how many responses of, “I'm fine, does anyone else need help?” I received. We are now, as we have been, a church willing and ready to come together in service and in love. In the coming months, that communal spirit will likely be put to the test. But I am confident in the steadfast love and care of our God, who will carry us through these trying times. Let us rest in that promise. Let us reach out to those around us in whatever ways we can. And let us continue to be church together in the face of this pandemic.

The Lord bless you and keep you;

the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;

the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

Love in Christ,
Pastor Angela

EVENT SUSPENSION LISTING

Some detailed effects of the extended church suspension:

Holy Week services: Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday will be held online. At-home materials and/or other services will be provided for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

First Communion Sunday (originally April 19) will be postponed. At least one opportunity for First Communion will be provided this summer as well as next fall.

"It's a Girl Thing" brunch (originally April 25) is postponed.

Confirmation of this year's ninth grade class (originally May 3) will be postponed until the fall. Traditionally, fall confirmations are held on the Sunday observation of Reformation Day. Therefore, confirmation is tentatively scheduled for October 25, 2020.

Kingdom Kids and Breakfast Club will not meet again until the start of the 2020-2021 program year (next fall).

Confirmation students may be given a few distance-learning lessons to wrap up the year. Hopefully in May, we will be able to do a version of our Food Scavenger Hunt as well as our promised pizza party.

THANK YOU TO:

All who contributed to February Noisy Offering: We were able to purchase 3 piglets, 2 bee hives, 6 chicks, 1 goat. Thank you!

- *Jackie Johnson for donating office supplies;
- *Walt and Adele Munsterman for donating office supplies;
- *Bill Empting for making sofa spacers for the youth room;
- *Bill Rogers and Ralph Johnson for bringing the log cross in from the garage;
- *Altar Guild for serving Ash Wednesday soup supper;
- *Paul Zachman for his large food donation for our 40 bags Lenten drive;
- *All families who donated for our 40 bags Lenten drive.



MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Greetings to our entire, beloved SSLC congregation!

First and foremost, I hope and pray that you are all healthy and that you have been able to maintain a solid relationship with God and your family these past couple of weeks. I also pray that you have been able to maintain a little bit of sanity along the way, in this this rather insane situation we find ourselves and our world in right now! After all, when you boil it all down, isn't our health, our relationship with God and with our families the most important aspects of life itself!

As I am writing this we, as a council, just finished up our first "virtual" meeting to assess and reevaluate the situation we find ourselves thrust into. Let's me clear...none of us wanted to or asked to be put in to this terrible global pandemic we find ourselves muddling our way through as best as we can!

What I would like to bring forward to all of you is the very difficult message of where we sit from a financial perspective. Let me just first say....this is not a comfortable place or position for me to speak to everyone about....but I feel it is, in this situation, absolutely necessary. Basically, as I see it, none of us want to think of the church as a "business." I feel that most of us would rather see the church as a wonderful place to be to "visit" on a weekly basis because it helps us feel closed to God, gives us a sense of community, a feeling of well being and centeredness, and a place to call our Christian "home." Now, I can actually feel some of you cringing from wherever you are reading this, because you know you value the church much more than must a place to merely "visit" and that you dedicate many, many hours to its daily operations and functions! I know that....I see that...I feel that...I appreciate that...and I totally understand your perspective!

The rather ugly truth of the matter is that our church is a business, in the fact that it has bills just like the rest of us, unfortunately do! Day by Day, week by week, month by month, we as a church body, incur bills for our mortgage, our electric usage, our heat or a/c, our staff salaries, and other day to day operational costs, whether open for regular "business" or not. The problem with this is that many of us only drop money in the plate as it is passed around to us. We aren't there to "see" the church in operation so it must not be happening. It's shut down. It's not functioning. It's closed.

But we are NOT closed! Only our doors are closed. God is very much at work, as are our wonderful pastors! I can feel God at work in all us as a council. Every council member cares, contributes, and is physically and emotionally present at our meetings and only wants and desires what is best for the entire congregation. And I can surely feel God at work in our beautiful pastors that we are so blessed to have working with us and along side us during this most difficult time! I can assure you that they also want only what's best for all of us as a congregation and are willing to work towards that goal. We are so blessed to have not only one, but TWO such wonderful, caring, compassionate, hard working pastors that go above and beyond the call of duty in this unprecedented situation we find ourselves faced with. Believe me, they are putting in many unseen hours of work to bring us the wonderful online services, songs, devotionals, and confirmation youth work that you see on our church's website.

With all that being said, I know that we all are, individually, knee deep in this global pandemic ourselves. We are all concerned, scared, uncertain of the future, and each in our own unique financial situation. All I would ask of each of us is to pray that God would help and guide us to think of our beloved South Santiago Lutheran Church and what it truly means to each of us, truly examine our own families financial situation, and help guide us to give as He sees fit.

We, as a council, have truly struggled with these decisions, that have faced us, as have our state and federal leaders. These are not easy times, that is for sure! Please know that we want only what we feel is best for all of our congregation at any given time. We pray that you will feel it in your heart to want what is best for SSLC and to do what you can financially to help keep our beloved church around for years and years to come.

May God Bless you all in this journey we find ourselves on.... Your Council President, Lyn Peterson

SIMPLY GIVING ONLINE OFFERINGS

This is a sample of what our form is to sign up for online offerings. You can also download a pdf from our website under "Active Faith" and scan and send it to the church office.

Thank you!

"SIMPLY GIVING"

AUTHORIZATION FOR AUTOMATIC TRANSFER

I authorize South Santiago Lutheran Church and the financial institution named below to initiate electronic debits from my checking/savings account. This authority will remain in effect until I notify you in writing to cancel it in such time as to afford the financial institution a reasonable opportunity to act on it. I can stop payment of any entry by notifying my financial institution 3 days before my account is charged.

(Name of Financial Institution) _____ (Branch) _____

(Signature) _____ (Date) _____

(Name – Please Print) _____

(Address – Please Print) _____

I authorize a monthly payment amount of \$ _____ directly from my checking /savings account on the 15th of each month. This monthly payment should be divided as follows:

General Fund	\$ _____	
	Building Fund/Debt Reduction	\$ _____
	Other _____	\$ _____

I authorize a monthly payment amount of \$ _____ directly from my checking /savings account on the 30th of each month. This monthly payment should be divided as follows:

General Fund	\$ _____	
	Building Fund/Debt Reduction	\$ _____
	Other _____	\$ _____

(If payment amount changes I will notify you at least 10 days before the regularly scheduled payment date.)

Account Number _____ Checking _____ Savings _____

Financial Institution Routing Number **■**: _____ **■**: _____

CHURCH NEWS

Did You Know?

We have a Meals Ministry program at SSLC! There have been a group of women who have been making and providing meals for members of our congregation when there is an illness, a health concern, or a need. If you would like to find out more and get connected contact Roberta Bistodeau at 320-250-8073 or Dee Punton at 612-719-2344. You can either provide meals, storage dishes or cooking dishes for them to use for those families. You may bring gently used or new cookware to the church office. Please contact either Roberta or Dee if you would like to help make meals for families.



SOUTH SANTIAGO BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND

Please consider a special donation to SSLC's Building Maintenance fund. We have established a savings account to build up to use for major church repairs. We anticipate more repairs as our beautiful building ages.

To make a special donation, just designate "Building Repairs" on your check or offering envelope. We hope you can help us grow this account to allow us to keep SSLC in the best condition we can. Thank you!

Buildings and Grounds Committee



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2020
AUGUST 2-6

WATCH FOR DETAILS SOON!

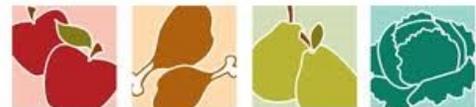
PASTOR VISITS/NOTIFICATION:

If you or someone you know will be hospitalized and would like a call or visit from Pastor Angela or Pastor Hollie please contact the church office or any pastor directly at 952-212-3355 (Angela), or 763-516-6115 (Hollie).



CEMETERY CLEAN UP

Spring clean up day will be in May. Date to be determined and posted later. Please collect all loose items that you wish to keep prior to this day. You may return them after clean up day. Thanks!



FARE FOR ALL
Food that Makes Cents

Salem Lutheran Church
90 Riverside Drive, St. Cloud, MN

DID YOU KNOW that you can make an offering using your credit card at SSLC? You can! We have a card reader available on the kitchen counter. Instructions are posted nearby. Assistance available.



SUICIDE HOTLINE

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
800-273-8255

FEBRUARY 12, 2020 COUNCIL MINUTES

Attendance: Bill Rogers, Dave Darsow, Mike Peabody, Lyn Peterson, Janelle Uecker, Michelle Prokott, Bert Robb, Jeff Mateyka, Melanie Mielke Izzy Swanson, Pastor Holy-Woehl, Pastor LaMoore, Pastor Thul – Deployed

1. Call to Order a. Lyn Peterson at 6:35pm

2. Open devotions and prayer a. Corinthians 3:5-11, 16

b. Pastor LaMoore shared “10 Metrics Instead of Butts and Bucks”

3. Open Forum a. None

4. Adoption of Agenda a. No Change

5. Adoption of minutes from February 13, 2020

a. Filed as presented

6. Treasurer’s Report – Feb. 06, 2020:

a. Discussed the possibility of Lyn Peterson or another council member to sign checks if needed. For now, leaving Nancy Alickson and Jeanette Harshman designated as signers.

b. Negative balanced items discussed: Alter Guild, Local Benevolence.

c. Report filed as presented

7. Reports: a. Pastor Reports:

i. Pastor LaMoore – see report for details

ii Pastor Holt-Woehl – see report for details

iii. Pastor Thul – Deployed

b. Committees/Boards:

i. Cemetery Board (Presented by Bill Rogers) keeping plot prices the same - \$250/member & \$500/Non-member

8. Unfinished Business:

a. Alarm System

i. Used capacitor has been located for the alarm system, scheduled to be worked on week of March 15 – 22.

b. CPR/AED

i. Randy Bader to hold class on teaching basic CPR and use of AED, not for certification – familiarization/general knowledge.

c. Online Church announcements

i. Free plans, such as, Remind App to notify church members of closures, announcements, etc.

ii. Families can sign up between services (Provide email)

iii. Obtain list from Shelly for those without smart phones/ computers

9. New Business:

a. Corona Virus (Covid 19)

i. Communion with gloves

ii. Not passing the basket – basket outside of each door

iii. Liturgy & Hymnal projected on overhead

iv. Motion to approve church closure upon announced school closure due to COVID 19, 1st – Melanie, 2nd Mike.

v. Motion to approve SSLC Health Procedure pamphlet 1st – Izzy, 2nd – Bill.

b. Conceal & Carry

i. Some members of the church practice conceal/carry – discussion made regarding a liability umbrella for any potential litigation.

c. Run, Hide, Fight video

i. To be included as a link on our website.

10. Adjourned at 8:45pm

11. Closed with Lord’s Prayer.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

4/01 Elsie Bistodeau	4/15 Isaac Boyer
4/01 Wyatt Harkin	4/15 Bob Petro
4/02 Bella Kent	4/16 David Whitcomb
4/03 Linda Corrigan	4/17 Kelly Puhl
4/03 Jamie Ulsby	4/17 Emily Hansmeier
4/03 Lincoln Hendricks	4/14 Jake Schuster
4/04 Dee Puntton	4/17 Sierra Winkelman
4/04 Kim Kampa	4/21 Layla Fowler
4/04 Carey Janisch	4/25 Elwood Orton
4/05 Joe Kampa	4/26 Brady Halvorson
4/06 Denise Fowler	4/27 Dan Jergenson
4/06 Tonya Ricker	4/27 Josephine Hales
4/07 David Darsow	4/28 Karla Zerwas
4/08 Joe Berthiaume	4/28 Lauren Reisem
4/08 Dave Reisem	4/28 Brooklyn Bierschbach
4/08 Sheri Haus	4/29 Mike Kydd
4/08 Tyson Ricker	4/29 Rylee Felton
4/09 Julie Johnson	4/29 Bryve Handshoe
4/09 Hannah Uecker	4/30 Diana Graning
4/11 Miles Bistodeau	4/30 Brenda Jergenso
4/13 Scott Bursch	
4/13 Jessica Hill	
4/13 Hanna Klimmek	
4/14 Ralph Johnson	
4/15 Alex Tople	

ANNIVERSARIES

4/3 Daryl & Jennifer Thul
4/12 Ted & Kathy Hochsprung
4/28 Randy & Kim Bader

SIMPLY GIVING ENROLLMENT

Churches have obligations just like families and businesses. When church members agree to an automatic payment arrangement, we can better budget our income because we know how much is coming and when. And if you leave town and miss worship, your giving and promised contributions are taken care of for you automatically so you don't have to worry about it.

Visit the website: www.sslcmn.com or email sslcfinance@windstream.net, or the church office if you are interested in Simply Giving.



FACTS AND FIGURES

Funds	Month	Y-T-D
Total Income*	\$21,194	\$48,750
Total Expenses	\$21,025	\$43,359
Difference	\$168	\$5,390

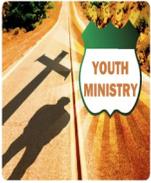
Attendance	
2/2	66 / 40
2/9	56 / 41
2/23	89 / 55
2/26	165

*Total Income combines all Offerings PLUS any other income we have received for the month.

**I. AM. THIRD.
GOD. OTHERS. ME.**

FEBRUARY OFFERINGS

General Fund	\$15,416
Building Mortgage	\$3,100
Coffee	\$28
Other Income	\$10
Noisy Offering	\$245
Other-Bldg Repairs	\$700
Backpack Buddies	\$10
Youth	\$10
Women's Ministry	\$75
Total	\$19,594



YOUTH NEWS

April youth schedule

No Youth or worship for the month of April

May

May 6: 6:30 pm

May 13: End of the year party

FLOWER FUNDRAISER STUDENTS



Flower fundraiser pick up date is Monday, May 4, in the late afternoon. (Time will be posted soon.)

Please plan to be here to pick up all items that day, as we cannot store them here.

**ALL CASH FROM
RECYCLING DONATIONS GO TO OUR YOUTH PROGRAM.**

TRAILER AT BRIGGS LAKE NURSERY.

SAVE THE DATE! GRADUATE QUILTS

will be gifted on Sunday, May 19,
at 10 am worship.

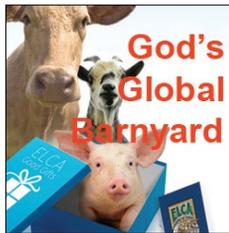


Invite your family and
friends to help
celebrate the day!

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

This year, the Women's Ministry is once again offering two scholarships of \$200/year to graduating seniors. This money may be used toward college tuition, trade school tuition or other education expenses. In the interest of simplifying the process, it has been decided that these scholarships are to be awarded at the pastors' discretion. Pastors will select students who, first and foremost, have continued to be active members of SSLC following their confirmation. In this we intend to differentiate ourselves from other merit-based scholarship opportunities. Any interested students can submit their names to the pastors for consideration.

NOISY OFFERINGS COMING UP



APRIL 26

GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD

A gift to God's Global Barnyard will be used where it is needed most to support our livestock, agriculture and other sustainable development projects, which help farmers and families with the resources they need to thrive.



MAY 24

SAFE FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

We're stepping in to make a tangible difference in Sherburne County to support isolated families along with other area churches. Safe Families for Children is a nationally known nonprofit working through local churches to transform families that may be on the fringe of entering foster care if no one steps in to offer supportive help. All volunteers work as a team. No matter what role you select, you'll work with others at your church to support identified families.

PASTOR'S SCHEDULES

Pastor Angela:



Pastor Hollie

You can contact either of them any time by cell phone.

Pastor Angela (952-212-3355 call or text) email: angela.lamoore@gmail.com ;
or Pastor Hollie (763-516-6115 call or text) email: hholtwoeh1001@luthersem.edu

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYER REQUESTS: Sue Tabor (Lyn Peterson's sister); Donavon Brown (son of Alberta Brown), Jarod Johnson (friend of Pozorskis), Jackie Massman (Gloria Kydd's niece), Lucas Horton (friend of Dave and Shelly Whitcomb); Lynn Pavelka (Harshman's friend), Duane Szczech (husband of pianist Marcia Benson), Tony Rassat (Shelly Bluhm's Dad), Dwight Moen (friend of Don Erickson), Dean Derosier (Dave and Shelly Whitcomb's friend).

MILITARY PRAYERS: Pastor Daryl Thul, William Tinkler III, Kelly Smith, Tyler Brott, Kyle Whitcomb, Chandler Wiltsey, Caleb Vekved, David Bley, Derik Smith, Logan Gallus, Richard Buckalew, Matthew Peabody, Adam Thom, Jeremy Schuch, Ryan Munsterman.

IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO SHOULD BE ADDED TO OUR PRAYER LIST OR PRAYER CHAIN, PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR ANGELA OR PASTOR HOLLIE.



Church Council Members

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 Cemetery Board • Bill Rogers 320-743-3031
 Family Service Group • needed
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 Historian • Holly Klinker 320-345-0040
 Librarian • Rosalie Klinker 763-263-2540
 Money Counters • Barb Marsh 320-248-2949
 Stewardship Committee • needed

CHURCH COUNCIL & GROUP INFORMATION

Active Groups

Altar Guild • Sandy Empting 320-743-2626
 Funeral Coordinator • Church Office
 Graduate Quilters • Shelly Bluhm 763-662-2468
 Mission Quilters • Shelly Bluhm 763-662-2468
 Prayer Chain • Carol Michaletz 320-743-5199
 Prayer Shawl Ministry • Tammy Alickson 763-856-3320
 Relay for Life • Donna Pozorski 763-856-8474
 Sharing Meals • Dee Puntun 612-719-2344
 Sunshine Committee • Sandy Empting 320-743-2626
 Women of SSLC • Needed
 Faith Chests • Needed
 Backpack Buddies • Karen Wipper 763-244-9429

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MAY 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4 Flower pickup in afternoon	5 Men's Bible Study 10 am	6	7	8 OFFICE CLOSED	9
10 Worship 8 am Choir 9 am Worship 10 am	11	12 Men's Bible Study 10 am Buildings and Grounds 6:30 pm	13	14 Council meets 6:30 pm	15 OFFICE CLOSED	16 Graduate/ Mission Quilting 9 am
17 GRADUATE QUILTS GIFTED Worship 8 am Choir 9 am Worship 10 am	18	19 Men's Bible Study 10 am	20 Priscilla Bible Study 9 am	21	22 OFFICE CLOSED	23
24 Noisy Offering-Safe Families for Children Worship 9 am	25	26 Men's Bible Study 10 am	27	28	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30
31 Worship 9 am						

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Pastor Angela LaMoore
Pastor Hollie Holt-Woehl
Pastor Daryl Thul (deployed)

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We are a congregation whose core values seek changed lives through the power of the Holy Spirit by forming and sustaining life-long personal faith in God through Christ Jesus. We practice this by engaging in cross-generational ministry and radical hospitality as it is revealed by God's Word. We do this by connecting with our congregation, the community and the world.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

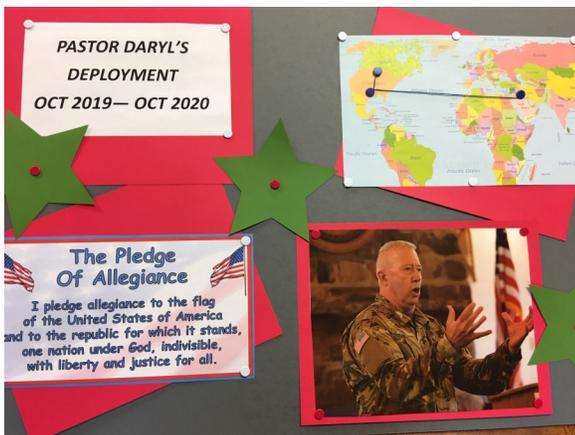
Worship Sunday at 8 am & 10 am
Wednesday at 7:30 pm

KINGDOM KIDS—SUNDAYS at 9 am

YOUTH—WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 PM

Office Hours Monday - Thursday 8 am—3 pm

THINKING OF PASTOR DARYL



There is a table display in the narthex area that is designated for Pastor Daryl during his deployment. He would welcome cards and letters from all of us at SSLC. We are planning to mail him a package about every 4-6 weeks.

Send him a reminder that you miss him!

Next package mail date: May

Pastor Daryl's address:

CH (MAJ) Daryl Thul
HHC 34 CAB
APO AE 09378



SAINT
JAMES
TRAVELING
WITH
PASTOR
DARYL

