

Sandra Brown..... 10
 Suzanne Dow 12
 Matt Tomasko..... 21
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The Salvation Army has a variety of programs to help people. If you are 60 years and over and live in Connecticut, the CSFP 'Silver' program is for you. It is a monthly food basket containing a variety of foods. If you live in the 06604 zip code area, the Salvation Army has a food pantry. Operation Fuel

Energy Assistance Program is designed to help low income families with electricity/gas/oil. For information about these programs and an appointment call (203) 334-0995 ext 105. Grandfamilies Together is a support group for grandparents and other kinship caregivers. For information about this program call (203) 334-

0995 ext 107. There are also several volunteer opportunities available. For information about these, contact Major Lydia Pearson at (203) 334-0995.



2020
Blood Pressure
Screening Dates

Jul tba Oct 4
 Aug tba Nov 8
 Sep 13 Dec 6

The following people have asked for healing, help, guidance or comfort.

- Joan B
- Barbara B
- Sam B
- Erick D
- Grace D
- Hannah & Joseph
- Bob H
- Dennis H
- Sylvitha
- Jay
- Mike R
- Jane M
- Jana B
- William S
- Daphne B
- Peter K
- Bobby W

- Anna
- Barbara
- James S
- Sarah R
- Brooks A
- Angie
- Liz F.
- Hazel P
- Katherine P



Salem Lutheran Church Semiannual Meeting

These are trying times. The pandemic has forced us to suspend our regular services. Meetings of Council and committees have been moved to ZOOM. (There's a name for you.) Bible study on Wednesday has also moved to ZOOM. I guess we are zooming along!

We need to have a semiannual meeting. We are too many members to ZOOM the meeting. We are definitely too many to legally gather in church for such a meeting. But, and I repeat myself, we need to have a semiannual meeting.

The New England Synod legal team has determined a set of guidelines which must be followed. While it is possible that we may be able to meet in the church, we must be prepared for alternate plans. These alternate plans must conform to the aforementioned guidelines.

The Salem Council has set Sunday, June 28, 2020, as the date for the meeting. We will hold the meeting immediately after the service. If we are allowed to meet in the church that will be great. If not, we will have a drive-in version of the 9:30 AM church service and the semiannual meeting immediately following the service.

One reason for the urgency of the semiannual meeting is the fact that the Synod legal team found two clauses of our newly adopted Constitution as unacceptable. The COUNCIL has reviewed the legal team opinion and proposed some "fixes." If we adopt these fixes at our meeting, we can re-submit our "Adopted Constitution" and feel confident that it will be accepted.

Accordingly, Council President Frank Dukenski has summarized the "fixes" on the next page:

Adopted Constitution

Re: Congregation Meeting

C10.04. Voting members present at a congregational meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Synod committee felt a number should be included here.

Re: Council

C12.02. The voting membership of the Congregation Council shall consist of the pastor(s), the officers of the congregation, and at least one youth. Any voting member of the congregation may be elected, subject only to the limitation on the length of continuous service permitted in that office. A member's place on the Congregation Council shall be declared vacant if the member a) ceases to be a voting member of this congregation or b) is absent from four successive regular meetings of the Congregation Council without cause. Consistent with the laws of the state in which this congregation is incorporated, the congregation may adopt procedures for the removal of a member of the Congregation Council in other circumstances.

Synod committee felt a number should be included here. Present language implied just officers on a very small COUNCIL.

New Proposed Adopted Constitution

Re: Congregation Meeting

C10.04. *Twenty-four or more* voting members present at a congregational meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Council voted to set that number at twenty-four based on the number members of present COUNCIL.

Re: Council

C12.02. The voting membership of the Congregation Council shall consist of *at least 9 members including* the pastor(s), the officers of the congregation, and at least one youth. Any voting member of the congregation may be elected, subject only to the limitation on the length of continuous service permitted in that office. A member's place on the Congregation Council shall be declared vacant if the member a) ceases to be a voting member of this congregation or b) is absent from four successive regular meetings of the Congregation Council without cause. Consistent with the laws of the state in which this congregation is incorporated, the congregation may adopt procedures for the removal of a member of the Congregation Council in other circumstances.

Salem Council voted to set that number at "at least nine members." The number was also based on the fact that congregation is both aging and becoming smaller leading to difficulty in getting COUNCIL members.