

Salem's History & Growth

A handful of Swedish immigrants started this church community in 1893. Over the ensuing years its congregation's ethnicities have expanded as its membership has expanded. Originally named "*Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church*," those expanded ethnicities caused the name to change to Salem Lutheran Church. Because there was another Salem Lutheran Church relatively close by in Dalbo, Minnesota, the name was modified to read "*Salem Lutheran Church of Oxford*" (for Oxford township).

The original building's entrance was at the east (street) end and the altar was at the west-end (where one now enters the sanctuary). Over time, newer pews were added, the mechanicals and organs were updated, and building additions were planned and built.



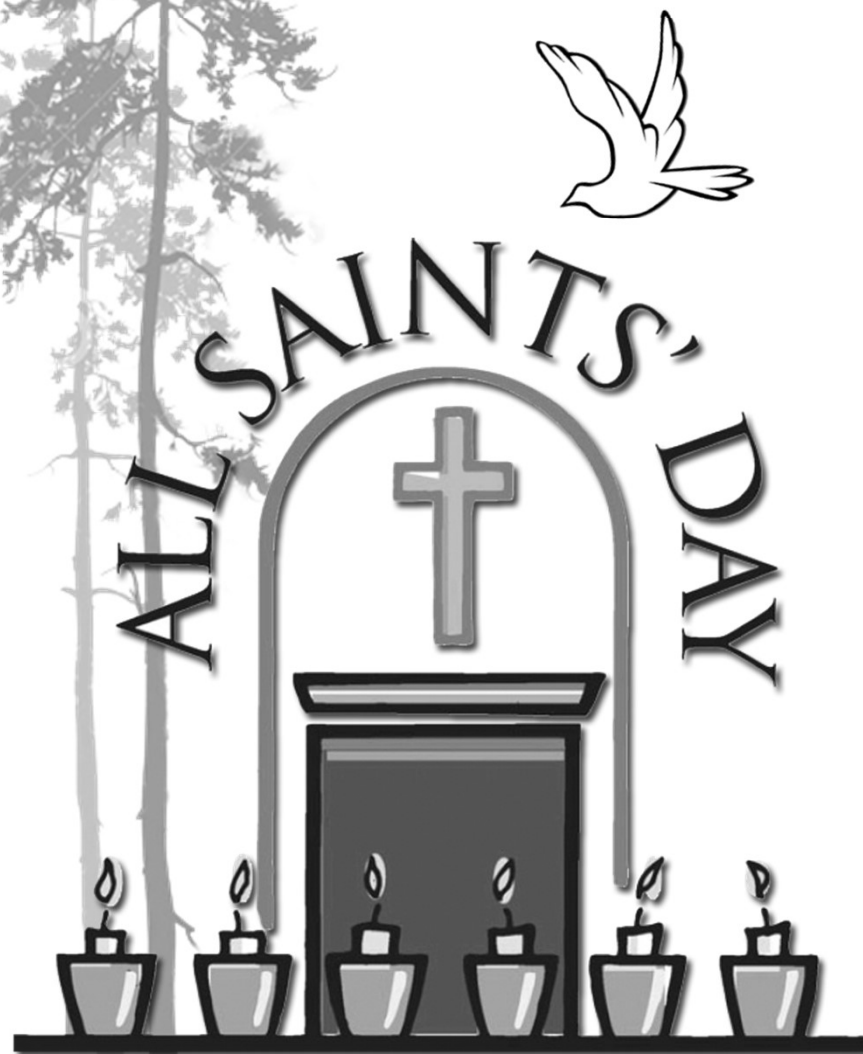
Drawn by...Mavis Tacheny

The church "grew up" in the Swedish-American Lutheran churches and, after joining and leaving several national Lutheran church organizations, ultimately settled into the LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ) in 2010 where we remain to this day. We, at Salem, are an open and friendly church who invite all who believe in God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit to come worship with us. More importantly, we invite all who *do not* believe to come learn about Him, His Son, and His Holy Spirit.

We have several children from infants to near-teens and now offer Sunday school as well. Our big, annual affair is a picnic that is always held on the first Sunday of August. All are welcome to come enjoy great food and great fellowship beginning with a morning worship and followed by music and games for all ages.



Salem Lutheran Church of Oxford



6 November 2022

Salem Lutheran Church of Oxford

26950 Furman St. NE
North Branch, MN 55056

Website:
www.salemlc-oxford.org

Pastor Scott Adkins

pastor.scott.salemlc@gmail.com or 651-278-0631

WELCOME!!

Dedicating the (new) Paschal Candle

Hymn: “The Family of God”

*I'm so glad I'm a part of the Family of God, I've been washed in the fountain,
cleansed by His blood! Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod, For I'm
part of the family, The Family of God.*

Pastor’s Greeting / Opening Prayer

Passing the Peace of Christ

Hymn: “Come Thou Font of Every Blessing” R227



Nicene Creed – Reclaim p. 27

Hymn: “Faith of Our Fathers” R216

Liturgy of the Word

Responsive Reading: Psalm 149 (NIV)

Lesson: Hebrews 11:1-2, 11-16, 11:39 (NIV)

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12 (NIV)

Children’s Sermon (if children present)

Sermon: Pr. Scott Adkins– “Great Cloud of Witnesses”

Remembrances (Reading the names of those remembered)

Hymn: “For All the Saints” R175

Liturgy of the Offering

Offering: The Collection of gifts

Offertory: “We Give Thee But Thine Own” C816

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Holy Communion

2nd Setting, Reclaim p. 58

Words of Institution & Communion distribution

Concluding Rites

Announcements ...

Benediction / Threefold Amen

Closing song: “God Be With You”

God be with you ‘til we meet again;

By His counsels' guide uphold you,

With His sheep securely fold you;

God be with you ‘til we meet again

‘Til we meet, ‘til we meet, ‘til we meet at Jesus’ feet;

‘Til we meet, ‘til we meet,

God be with you ‘til we meet again.

Sending:

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude