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Remember your Pastor is available for home visits if you know someone who would like to have a visit please see Pastor Don after service or call the church phone.

If you are visiting us for the first time we hope that your worship experience enriches you and we hope to see you again soon. Please complete an information sheet so we know you were here and let us know if you would like to join our Salem Spirit of Life Yahoo group on the internet.

Pot Luck and Movie Night

We will continue with our Pot Luck and Movie night the 3rd Friday of the month. Start Time will be 6:00 PM with dinner at 6:30 PM followed by a movie.

Good Search Update:

Another way of support Salem Spirit of Life is through Good Search. Instructions on how to use Good Search can be found at www.goodsearch.com. **Remember to tell your family and friends. Thanks everyone!**

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God's Cook Out

"On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a fest of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine – the best of meats and the finest of wines."

Isaiah 25:6

Cookouts are very popular. No doubt many of you will have many cookouts in the coming summer months. Almost every backyard has some sort of grill. Fathers bend over glowing coals or gas grills as they wear a baseball cap rather than a chef's hat and a favorite T-shirt for an apron. Isaiah 25 describes heaven as a cookout on a mountain, with God spreading out a wondrous feast complete with the best of meats and the finest wines. Do you have time for God's cookout?

The description sounds inviting, but only if you are hungry. Many people don't have time for God's cookout. They are busy tending to their jobs, paying bills, going on vacations, fishing, boating, and taking the kids to one sport or another. Is that your problem? Could it be that you aren't hungry enough for God? Full of hamburger, one doesn't have room for even the tastiest steak. Full of ourselves, we may not be hungry for God and His love.

When we live only to satisfy ourselves, we discover that everything tastes flat. Even the finest wine and filet mignon fail to satisfy. Selfishness is sin, and the wages of sin is death.

God's Cook Out cont'd

When we seriously probe our lives, we must confess our growing hunger for God.

And He fills us. God sent His only son to fast 40 days in the wilderness and to drink the bitter cup of suffering by dying on the cross. By His death Jesus invites us to attend God's great cookout in heaven, freely and without charge. He not only invites us but encourages us to invite others as well.

Think about these things the next time you gather for a cookout in your backyard or you gobble down a fast food meal on a Sunday that you were too busy to go to church for steak and fine wine.

“See You In Church!”

From: St. Paul Ev Lutheran Church, Jordan MN Newsletter.

Salem Spirit of Life Events:

- July 3rd: Sunday school begins at - 10:00AM
- July 6th: Five Week Adult Bible Study - 6:30PM.
- July 17th: Special Sunday Celebration
Honoring Our Pastor - 10:00 AM- 1:00 PM
- July 23rd: Community BBQ - 2:00PM- 4:00 PM
- August 6th: Salem Pride Fest
- August 27th: Art Fair - 11:00 AM- 4:00 PM
- November 19th: Holiday Bazaar

If you would like to know more about Salem Spirit of Life attend a Membership Night on the first Wednesday of every month. Time 7:00PM in the Church Office 1380 Hines St SE Salem.

Pastor's Corner

I am most happy to announce that beginning July 3, 2011 we will begin our Sunday school at 10:00AM. Five years old and older are welcome. Of course all parents are asked to attend the 10:00AM Worship Service so their children can see by their example the importance of spending sixty minutes a week with God.

We have reached the summer months. This is a time to relax and reflect, a time to take time. As you relax, remember that God NEVER takes time off. God is always with us and is always there to help us. Try to remember the church as well. Our income always drops down in these summer months as people miss more church than usual. Yet, our bills continue throughout the entire year and we are still here to serve you and minister to you. So, if you miss a Sunday or two, try to hold that weekly offering aside so you can give that one as well as the current one when you next come to church. Remember, if you have a need, we are here no matter what time of the year - simply give us a call.

We continue to grow in numbers as more people start attending our church. Last month five new individuals became members. People who were not worshipping with us even a year ago. This is just great and we need to keep it going. There are simply too many people in our community and even in our own families that just need more of God in their lives and that could benefit from being a part of our church. Certainly we can benefit from having them in our church as well as we could then be blessed with their God-given abilities. Continue to invite people to join you on Sunday mornings...