

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Les Simons, Congregation President

Welcome to Salem

At Salem, we try to make all visitors feel welcome, and we hope to reach into the school to welcome all school families to participate in the life of the congregation. If you have been *visiting* or if you are a school family, we hope you feel welcome to take part.

But a whole year has now gone by and we have not given you the opportunity to respond by officially joining the congregation of Salem Lutheran Church. We want you to know that you are welcome to continue to be a *visitor* and to enjoy your life at Salem with us. However, we especially want you to know that you are welcome and encouraged to make a commitment to the mission and ministry that Salem does in the world—in our Salem family, in our community, in our nation and around the globe.

Salem sponsors missionaries overseas, we assist ministries that help abused women in our local areas, we feed the hungry and clothe the naked, we sing joys of our faith, we support seminaries which train pastors and we sponsor a school to help families raise their children in the Lord. We serve Jesus and praise God's glorious name.

As a *visitor* you can join with us in our ministry and we welcome you to participate. But as a member, this will be your ministry, to guide and to serve and to cherish. **Soon Salem will be offering New Member Classes for you to attend.** No obligation to join Salem because you attend, but come to find out about Salem and about what it means to be a Lutheran. And if you already are a member, it would be a good refresher—and an opportunity to meet some new friends.