

Salem
Lutheran
Church



All Are
Welcome
Here

Greetings Salem Lutheran Church,

Christ is risen! (He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!) Happy Easter to you all. Although it is April, Easter is not over! We will continue to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus through this entire month and into the next. Church, this is so important because if it wasn't for the resurrection of Jesus, we wouldn't exist. There would be no church. No Christians. No community and hope in Christ. We are what we are because Jesus lives. We proclaim the world-bending truth that Jesus is alive and still at work in this world. Jesus is alive and still making disciples. Jesus is alive and still healing, redeeming, and saving. The ministry of Jesus is not just a great thing that happened 2,000 years ago. Because of the resurrection, the ministry of Jesus continued every year in the last 2,000 years AND continues now! That is why we exist, Salem Lutheran Church. The resurrection gives us our purpose: following Jesus, sharing compassion, covered by grace.

It being the season of Easter, it is a perfect time to pray for the entire church on earth in our collective mission as witnesses to Christ's resurrection. This month, please pray for Linda Huffman and I as we travel to Council Bluffs to participate and represent our congregation in the Western Iowa Synod Assembly. Just as we cannot be the church without the resurrection, we also cannot be church without each other, including all the congregations within our synod and the ELCA. May we all pray for all ministries around us that communicate and proclaim the good news of Easter – that Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed,

Pr. Evan McVann



In Memory of:

LaVern Anderson

Carol Kessler

Cindy Rawlings

(Kessler)

Scott Kessler

Judith Wachter

Ed Barwick

Judy Ecklund family



Salem Lutheran Church

March 21st, 2024 Minutes

President: Tim Kenyon **Treasurer:** Mike Linch
V. President: Gary Boschee **Secretary:** Sherri Nissen

Deb Pantini Jewel Baseley Raquel Linch Sandi Sickles Chris Lane

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES MARCH 21, 2024

Devotions by Pastor & Council members

The meeting was called to order by President, Tim Kenyon with the following members in attendance: Jewel Baseley, Gary Boschee, Chris Lane, Mike Linch, Raquel Linch, Pastor Evan, Sherri Nissen, and Deb Pantini. Sandi Sickles. was absent.

M/S/C by Mike Linch and Gary Boschee to approve the agenda as amended to include C. Lectern microphone, C. Concert Request, E. Mugs and move Committee reports to F.

M/S/C by Raquel Linch and Jewel Baseley to approve the February minutes with the correction of Easter under new business not Eastern.

Treasurers Report:

General Checking	\$1,323.78
Replacement Checking	\$3,194.62
Memorial Checking	\$3,333.63
Special	\$3,613.56
All bills are paid	
Contributions	\$9,861.00
Expenses	\$11,192.57
Shortfall	\$2,825.59

Concern of \$1,300.00 at the end of the month and expenses are about \$1,300 more than revenue.

M/S/C by Sherri Nissen and Chris Lane to amend last month's vote on the \$20,000 CD by placing \$15,000 in the CD and add the remaining \$5,000.00 to checking.

M/S/C by Gary Boschee and Pastor Evan to approve the treasurer's report.

Pastor's report: see attached report.

Old Business:

The toilet off the narthex has been repaired and we are waiting on the bill.

Thermostats in the sanctuary and fellowship hall - **tabled**.

AED/CPR Training Update: **tabled**.

First Aid Kits have been ordered.

Message board banners – **tabled**.

New Business:

April Benevolence and Eastern and Lenten Offering: M/S/C by Mike Linch and Jewel Baseley to go to Meals of the Heartland \$495. Any expense not covered will come from memorials.

: Request for room expansion from New Hope Ministries: M/S/C by Raquel Linch and Gary Boschee to allow New Hope to remove the temporary wall and expand their current space. This will be done at **NO** expense to Salem. New Hope will provide all materials and experienced carpenters.

M/S/C by Raquel Linch and Jewel Baseley to replace the microphone on the lectern with cost coming from replacement funds.

M/S/C by Pastor Evan and Gary Boschee to approve a concert performance by SWCC Jazz Band the week of April 1-5

Mugs for potential members: we are currently out and Outreach has been discussing something new to provide. These are also handed out at SWCC. The discussion was to possibly look at insulated cups, keychains, or pens. Cost would come from Outreach and/or memorials.

Committee Reports:

Christian Education:

Church Property: Cook's Appliance & Repair have placed a digital thermometer in the silver refrigerator as it is not keeping the correct temperature. They will repair what is needed. Phyllis Keuter has volunteered to cover the cost.

Outreach Ministry: served 95 at the Lenten meal March 17. They help at the Food Pantry April 21 and Meals of the Heartland April 24. A sign up sheet will be placed in the narthex soon.

Worship & Music: have been busy planning the Lenten and Easter services.

Finance:

Memorial Committee:

Stewardship:

Endowment

Mutual Ministry:

Other:

The Executive committee will meet April 11 at 5:30

The next council meeting will be April 15, 2024, at 6:00 pm, following choir.

Note this is a change in time and day.

Opening devotions will be led by Pastor

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sherri Nissen, Council Secretary

SWiCC

SouthwesternCommunityCollege

JAZZ BAND PERFORMANCE

MONDAY, APRIL 1ST, 7 PM

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

Visitations: 4 visitations.

Meetings:

Worship & Music Committee meeting on 3/7

Executive Committee meeting on 3/14

Council Meeting on 3/21

Outreach Committee meeting on 3/21



Synod and Ecumenical Work:

Met weekly with ELCA conference pastors on Tuesdays over Zoom

Preached at First United Methodist Church for the Ecumenical Lenten service on 3/3.

Christian Education:

Led Adult Sunday School weekly at 9:00am. We are started a new series on Eschatology talking about heaven, hell, resurrection, and the end of time.

Community Presence

Led Thursday afternoon Bible Study with SWCC students on campus on 3/7.

Organized the Barside chat about Easter and the resurrection on 3/10.

Special Services

Led worship at the assisted living and care centers on 3/1

Led Wednesday Lenten services on 3/6, 3/13, and 3/20

Presided over the Lenten ecumenical service hosted by Salem Lutheran on 3/17

Officiated Carolyn Kessler's funeral on 3/16

Officiated Don Mosman's funeral on 3/19

Officiated Roberta Henry's funeral on 3/21

Maundy Thursday service on 3/28

Good Friday service on 3/29

Easter service on 3/31



Salem Women will meet immediately following church service on Sunday, April 7th

"To discuss the Annual Sale. Anyone who has assisted with this event in the past is encouraged to attend."

Christians often describe the season of Lent as a journey of sorts, with its final destination being Holy Week. The events of Holy Week recount the so-called ‘passion narratives’ in the New Testament Gospels that relate to the suffering (*passio* in Latin), death and burial of Jesus Christ.

Thus, Holy Week marks the last week of the Christian season of Lent – the week leading up to Easter.

Palm Sunday – entrance into Jerusalem

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, when Christians commemorate Jesus’ ‘triumphal entry’ into Jerusalem where the Gospels tell us he was greeted with crowds waving palm branches and crying ‘Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!’ (Mark 11:9-10).

(Ironically, these same voices that greet Jesus as Messiah and King will be the same voices that shout ‘Crucify him!’ just a few short days later on Good Friday.)

Traditionally, worshipping Christians will receive palm branches or palm crosses on Palm Sunday as a tangible sign of Jesus’ ‘triumphal entry’ into Jerusalem. And in some churches, Palm Sunday is also known as the Sunday of the Passion, when one of the Gospel passion narratives is read aloud during the liturgy.

Holy Wednesday – into the darkness

Holy Week continues in many Christian traditions on ‘Holy Wednesday’ (known as ‘Spy Wednesday’ in earlier times). Holy Wednesday is often marked with a service of Tenebrae (Latin for ‘darkness’ or ‘shadows’), with the hearing of appropriate psalms and other readings while candles on a candelabrum (the ‘Tenebrae hearse’) are gradually extinguished, creating the sense of growing darkness.

This darkness symbolises the abandonment of Jesus by his disciples, and anticipates the anguish and tragedy of Good Friday later on in Holy Week.

What follows then are the ‘Triduum’ of Holy Week – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

Maundy Thursday – the Last Supper

Maundy Thursday marks the Last Supper that Jesus shares with his disciples, his betrayal by his disciple Judas Iscariot, and his arrest at the Garden of Gethsemane.

Often Maundy Thursday services will include an act of foot washing, which commemorates Jesus washing the feet of his disciples as an act of service on the night of his arrest (John 13:1-20).

Maundy Thursday reminds participants of the ‘new commandment’ (*mandatum* in Latin) that Jesus gave his disciples to love one another as he has loved them (John 15:12) – a love that is most readily seen in Jesus willingly giving up his life on the cross on Good Friday.

Good Friday – Jesus’ agony on the cross

Good Friday commemorates Jesus’ trial before Pontius Pilate, his sentence of death, his torture, and his crucifixion and burial. It is called ‘good’ Friday in the obsolete sense of the word ‘good’ – connoting something ‘holy’ or ‘pious’ (‘Holy Friday’), which is striking as ‘Good Friday’ is the most somber day for Christians, when the agony, death and burial of Jesus is remembered.

For many Christians, Good Friday is a day of fasting, with the faithful attending a church service where they will meditate on and venerate the cross of Christ.

Holy Saturday – visiting the tomb of Jesus

The Triduum of Holy Week concludes with Holy Saturday, often with a late-night Easter Vigil service, which is really two parts.

First, a liturgy that recalls the vigil, the ‘keeping watch’ of Jesus’ female disciples at the tomb of Jesus, which begins in darkness where a new paschal or Easter fire is kindled. This, then, is followed by the joyous celebration of the first Eucharist of Easter, which will often include the baptism of new converts and the renewal of baptismal vows by the faithful.

Holy Week moves from the enthusiastic shouts of ‘Hosanna’ to the somberness of Holy Wednesday and Maundy Thursday, to the horrors of the agony and death of Jesus on Good Friday, to the joyous celebration of the first Eucharist of Easter.

It is an emotional week for Christians, but one that anticipates the hope and glory of the resurrection of Christ at Easter, which is at the heart of the Christian Gospel and the centre of Christian faith and worship.



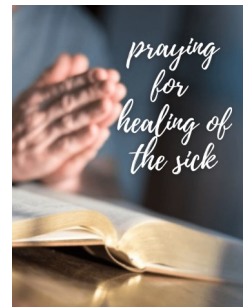
We pray for those people who are hurting and going through some unimaginable circumstances. We pray for those who want their lives to be better and to be free from those things that may be holding them back. We may not know them, but God knows their situation.
Amen.

Joseph Lochmoeller & family, Larry & Claudia Peppers, John & Tony McNaught, Larry Kimball, Mike Cary, Dorothy Vanella, Daryl Nissen, Dianne Nielson, Kathy Kendrick, Joni White, Tim Kinkade, Harriet Kendrick, Gail Peterson, Zach Henry, Don Butler, Arlan Biere, Gregory Boschee, Jean Paul, Becky Keuter, Carol Ott, and Gary Kessler.

We can never thank our military men and women enough for their service and sacrifice to our country and its people. Today we express gratefulness and honor to these military troops, past and present. We pray to be shown ways in our communities, churches, and families to thank and love them better.

Keep and protect these heroes and their families.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.



There are many things that happen around spring such as taxes, and the end of the school term, so it's not surprising that you can blink and it's gone. Stopping to smell the flowers that have started to grow again is usually something that is last on the list.

Whether you live in a small apartment or the countryside, flowers and plants can easily transform your home and make it feel welcoming. Spring is one of the most colorful times of the year when it comes to flowers so make the most of it. Look at planting some new plants in your garden or get some house plants. Treat your home to a sweet spring arrangement of spring's prettiest plants. You will be surprised how much it helps brighten your home.

Some of the most beautiful things about spring are the flowering trees, new life, and flowers blooming. Spring brings a sweet mix of bright colors. So make sure you make the most of it and spend some time in nature. Try visiting a botanical garden or nature reserve to admire the beauty that spring has to offer.



A few fun April Fools' Jokes to Make Everyone Laugh

What's the biggest difference between Thanksgiving and April Fools' Day?

On one you're thankful, and on the other you're prankful.

Why can April jump so high?

It's spring!

How can you tell when April is happy?

It has a little spring in its step

April Fools' Day is a great day to pull pranks.

Except on me, if you're smart.

Which day is the worst to propose on?

April Fools' Day.

How did the skeleton know that April showers were on the way?

He could feel it in his bones.

Why do eggs like April Fools' Day?

They love practical yolks.

What monster plays the most April Fools' jokes?

Frankenstein.

Awareness Days in the Month of April

National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day (April 2)

National Siblings Day (April 10)

National Pet Day (April 11)

National Tax Day (April 15)

Earth Day (April 22nd)

National Arbor Day (April 26th)

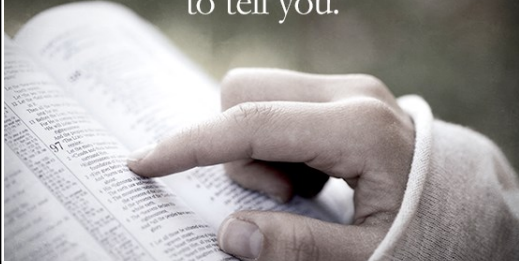
National Administrative Professionals' Day (April 27)

National Gardening Week (Last week of April)

Stress Awareness Month

National Autism Awareness Month

Reduce your stress level by taking time to unplug from the world, open your Bible, and listen to what God has to tell you.



- 1st Judges 6-7
- 2nd judges 8-9
- 3rd Judges 10-12
- 4th Judges 13-15
- 5th Judges 16-18
- 6th Judges 19-21
- 7th Ruth
- 8th 1Samuel 1-3
- 9th 1Samuel 4-8
- 10th 1Samuel 9-12
- 11th 1Samuel 13-14
- 12th 1Samuel 15-17
- 13th 1Samuel 18-20
Psalm 11/59
- 14th 1Samuel 21-24
- 15th Psalm 7/27/31/34-52
- 16th Psalm 56/120/140-142
- 17th 1Samuel 25-27
- 18th Psalm 17/35/54/63
- 19th 1Samuel 28-31/Psalm 18
- 20th Psalm 121/123-125/128-130
- 21st 2Samuel 1-4
- 22nd Psalm 6/8-10/14/16/19/21
- 23rd 1Chronicles 1-2
- 24th Psalm 43-45/49/84-85/87
- 25th 1Chronicles 3-5
- 26th Psalm 73/77-78
- 27th 1Chronicles 6
- 28th Psalm 81/88/92-93
- 29th 1Chronicles 7-10
- 30th Psalm 102-104



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| Justin Peppers | 1st | Drew Buck | 13th |
| Ryli & Kaci Abildtrup | 4th | Dennis Nardy | 17th |
| Barb Kenyon | 4th | Linda Huffman | 19th |
| Heather Peterson | 6th | Kaylee Ott | 23rd |
| LouAnn Snodgrass | 6th | Jodi Hitz | 26th |
| Randy Cook | 10th | Lamona Bilderback | 29th |
| Sara Bolinger | 11th | Alex Kenyon | 29th |



Miriam Circle



Miriam Circle will meet on Thursday, April 4th at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall .



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 SWCC Jazz Band Concert 7 pm @Salem	2 Brenda in Office	3 Brenda in Office	4 Miriam Circle @ Salem 6:30 pm Brenda in Office	5 Brenda Off	6
7 WELCA Meeting after church 10am Worship	8 Pastor's Day Off Brenda Off	9 1:30 Quilting Brenda in Office	10 Brenda in Office	11 Executive Meeting 5:30 pm Brenda in Office	12 Brenda Off	13
14 Outreach Food Pantry 10am Worship & Communion	15 Pastor's Day Off Brenda Off	16 1:30 Quilting Brenda in Office	17 Council Mtg 5:30 pm Brenda in Office	18 Brenda in Office	19  Pastor Evan and Linda Huffman attending Western Iowa Synod in Council Bluffs, IA Brenda Off	
21 10 am Worship	22 Pastor's Day Off Brenda Off	23 1:30 Quilting Brenda in Office	24 Meals of the Heartland Brenda in Office	25 Brenda in Office	26 Brenda Off	27
28 10am Worship	29 Pastor's Day Off Brenda Off	30 1:30 Quilting Brenda in Office	Brenda in Office	Brenda in Office	Brenda Off	

Pastor Evan is off on Mondays and
 is out of the Office every Tuesday Morning for Text Study with our
 ELCA conference pastors.

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