

NEWSLETTER

THE BUILDER

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

MARCH 2024



WELCOME!

GET IN TOUCH

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Thu | 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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UPCOMING EVENTS MARCH AT SALEM

Women of Salem

Bible Study—Thursday, March 21st at Salem at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. led by Pr. Mark Boorsma.

We are also invited by our Ascension friends to join in on their Bible Chapter Book Club. This meets via Zoom each Sunday at 11:30 a.m. You can attend two ways:

Gather Bible Study (second Tuesday) 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Same number as Book Club.

-by computer with the Zoom app
<https://zoom.us/j/6751859971>

or by phone
(meeting ID



312-626-6799
6751859971##).

Upcoming

On March 17, Kathy Woodside will be at coffee hour starting at nine to share information about the St. John's Community. She will explain what it means to be a sponsoring church (as Salem has been for many years) and will answer any questions you may have about helping and/or living there. Join her in the conversation whenever you arrive.

Deployment

Nate Dilling is deployed to the Middle East. Please keep Nate in your prayers.

Zoe Keeney is deployed to Kuwait. Please keep Zoe in your prayers.



From the Pastor:

This year, March is a long walk through Lent, Holy Week, and Easter morning.

If you've already come to the Wednesday worship services, thank you! If you have not yet done so, please consider this mid-week opportunity — also a chance to enjoy a tasty bowl of soup or two. The 11:00 a.m. service alternates between Salem and Ascension, and the 7:00 p.m. service alternates between Ascension and Christ Episcopal Church. Come, and bring a friend!

We are also mutually blessed by the times we share in Bible study:

- Every Friday at 6:30 a.m., at Salem
- Every third Thursday, either at 2:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m., at Salem
- Online, via Zoom, every Sunday at 11:30 a.m. You can join by device or computer at <https://zoom.us/j/6751859971>, or by phone (1) 312-626-6799 (meeting ID 6751859971 ##)

Bible study discussion is always lively, and we also take time to explore questions brought by curious participants, wherever conversation may lead us.

This year, the Sundays in Lent feature a first reading that features one of God's ancient **covenants** — those forever promises that serve as reminders that God **always** keeps promises, for the bountiful blessing and benefit of all God's people.

In all these faithful activities, we move together in anticipation of a joyous Easter, this year on March 31.

Come, let us worship!

– *Pastor Mark Boorsma*

FINANCIAL CORNER

JAN. INCOME

\$ 6,179

JAN. EXPENSES

\$ 10,385.39

2024 INCOME:

\$ 10,385.39

2024 FROM SCHWAB:

\$

2024 OTHER INCOME:

\$

NOISY OFFERING:

\$ LITTLE FREE PANTRY \$ 90

\$ ALL INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND
\$221.29

Memorials

Gifts were received in memory of Velma Bonnerup for Salem Altar Guild, roof fund and undesignated.

Gift received in memory of Marcia Hall for the roof fund.



Unofficial Council Hi-Lites– February 20, 2024

Devotions were given by Pr. Mark.

Secretary's Report was approved as corrected on motion by Shari Budach, seconded by Paul Dilling.

Treasurer's Report was approved on motion by Shari Budach, seconded by Deb Stolarcek .

-Pastor Mark reported two funerals but quiet month.

-Building & Grounds: Paul Dilling wants the congregation to become aware of roof repair needs. Further discussion in future to build awareness.

--Worship & Music: Deb Stolarcek reported that the committee met in February. Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 p.m. at Salem is added to the schedule.

-Education: Shari Budach began discussion on putting focus on Adult Education. Kathy Woodside will be putting on a presentation about St. John's on March 17th at 9:00.

Old Business:

-The steps we need to do to confirm any changes to our constitution were outlined.

--New Business:

-Noisy Offering - For March it will be for Salvation Army Food Shelf and Ecumenical Food Pantry on motion by Bruce Ness and seconded by Shari Budach. Passed.

--Lenten offerings: Offerings designated to Salem to go into the general fund and Lenten soup lunch offerings to go to Salvation Army Food Shelf and Ecumenical Food Pantry on motion by Bruce Ness, seconded by Shari Budach. Passed.

-Church Council installation to be held on March 3rd.

-Changing of keys and account signers was discussed and planned.

-Stewardship Chair will be Kathy Paul as a non-council member. Motion by Bruce Ness, seconded by Kim Luhring.

--Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting is March 19th at 6:30 p.m.

Noisy Offering for March

Noisy Offering for March will be going to the Ecumenical Food Pantry (at First Presbyterian) and the Salvation Army Food Pantry. During March there is a program that matches funds received.

Please be generous with you coins to help Salem be a part of this. Thank you.

Flowers for Our Easter Garden

If you would like to share lilies, tulips, or daffodils for our special garden for Easter Sunday (March 31st) please fill out the form below. The cost is \$14 each and please indicate which you want and how many. The cost is \$14 each and is payable to Salem Altar Guild.

Given in honor of: _____

Given in memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Lilies: # _____

Tulips: # _____

Daffodils: # _____

_____ will pick up

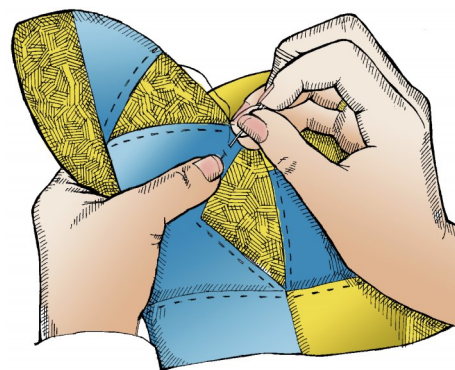
_____ will not pick up



Sew 'n' Tell

March 12

March 26



QUILTING GROUP

Men's Bible Study

March 1

March 8

March 15

March 22

March 29

Gather at 6:30 a.m. and have a cup of coffee, talk and share some scripture. All are welcome!



Lenten Schedule

We will once again be joining with our friends at Christ Episcopal and Ascension Lutheran for the Lenten Season. Please save this schedule and attend as you are able.

March 6 Lenten Services

11:00 a.m. at Salem Lutheran (followed by soup)
7:00 p.m. at Ascension Lutheran (coffee/bars after)

March 13 Lenten Services

11:00 a.m. at Ascension Lutheran (followed by soup)
7:00 p.m. Christ Episcopal (6:00 p.m. Soup Supper)

March 20 Lenten Services

11:00 a.m. at Salem (followed by soup)
7:00 p.m. at Ascension (coffee/bars after)

March 28 Maundy Thursday Worship

11:00 a.m. at Ascension
7:00 p.m. at Salem

March 29 Good Friday

7:00 p.m. at Ascension

March 31 Easter Sunday

9:00 a.m. Fellowship Coffee
10:00 a.m. Easter Morning Worship



MARCH

Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 1 Dane Duenes

March 4 Holli Waldemar
Randy Kolling

March 6 Pauline Hall, Mary Nelson,
Terry Osmundson

March 8 Debra Kolling

March 9 Dwight Stevens

March 10 Maxine Bye

March 11 Janice Ayers, Brad Pirsig

March 13 Kash Petersen

March 17 Kelly Preble

March 20 Larry Lahs Sr.

March 25 Laura Delano

March 26 Deb Kaufman

March 3: Bruce & Eileen Ness 45 years

March 6: Brian & Kelly Preble 5 years

March 24: Roger & Clarice Bakken 61
years



LET US PRAY...

Larry Enderson

Woody Hestness

Shirley Eustis

Dean Beighley

Tom Eustis

Leland Dilling

Marianne DePoppe

Andrea Rhodes

Mary Paul

Family and friends of:

Joe Van Reese

Velma Bonnerup

Richard Werner





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"Change Service Requested"

THE BUILDER MARCH, 2024

*Salem
Lutheran
Church is a
Christ-Centered
Community,
building
relationships,
growing in
faith, and
serving others.*

