

NEWSLETTER

THE BUILDER

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

APRIL 2023



WELCOME!

GET IN TOUCH

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS APRIL AT SALEM

Women of Salem

Bible Study—Thursday, April 20 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:

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

or by phone 312-626-6799 (meeting ID 6751859971##).



From the Pastor:

Dear Friends,

In the Dutch city of Delft soars the towering steeple of the New Church (completed in 1496, compared to the Old Church of 1246). Four hundred years worth of deceased members of the Dutch royal family are laid to rest in an underground crypt there.

A massive flat stone covers the entrance to the crypt. On the stone is a Latin inscription: *Resurrectionem expectat Guilelmus primus pater patriae*, which translates “William — the first father of the fatherland — awaits resurrection.”

He’s not the only one. In hundreds of ways, we too await resurrection.

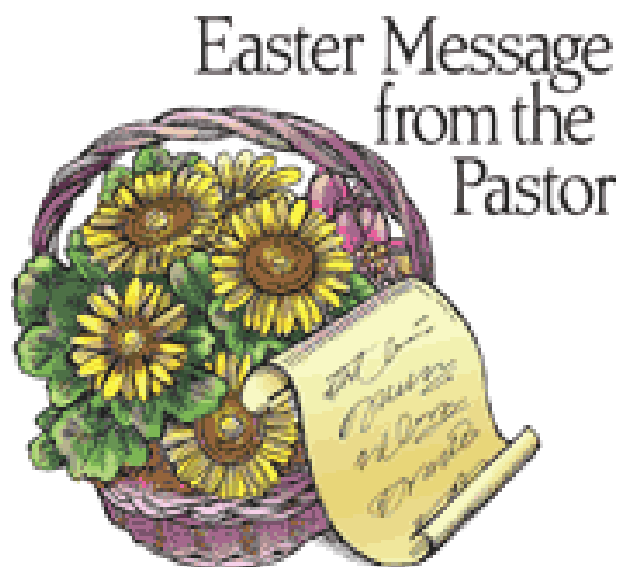
In the Church Year, we are on the brink of the Season of Resurrection. Easter is not just one day, but stretches for seven weeks (a “week of weeks”), perhaps because it takes at least that long for new and risen life to take root and grow.

In this part of the world, nature itself also observes the Season of Resurrection, as soil thaws, trees bud, grass slowly emerges, and the great outdoors rises from the ice cold tomb of winter.

It seems to me that the challenging pandemic also was part of the ‘entombment’ of Christ’s church. What a joy it is to see signs of your vitality springing up again.

I am grateful for all you do: for Salem, for this entire community, and for one another. All that we do as the body of Christ can be called “resurrection rehearsal.”

Come! Let us arise!
In Christ,
Pastor Mark Boorsma



FINANCIAL CORNER

FEB. INCOME

\$ 16,037.00

FEB. EXPENSES

\$ 13,138.23

2023 INCOME:

\$ 23,414.00

2023 FROM SCHWAB:

\$

2023 OTHER INCOME:

\$

NOISY OFFERING:

FEB. \$170.37

MARCH: \$23.39

Altar Flowers

April 2: Randy & Karen
Rugroden

April 9: Jim & Mary
Gulbrandson

April 16: Jack & Donna
Werner

April 23: open

April 30: open

(Flowers are now \$30 per
Sunday)

Unofficial Council Hi-Lites– Feb. 28, 2023

- Devotions were given by Pr. Mark using “Dwelling in the Word”.
- Secretary’s Report and Treasurer’s Reports were approved.
- Pr. Mark presented the shut-in list, reported the church secretary is working on the synod report and asked how council members thought Shared Ministry was going.
- Worship & Music: Shari Budach discussed the Wed. soup plans, altar table has been moved. Banner was chosen.
- Stewardship: Kathy Paul reported that committee wants an upbeat campaign and more Temple Talks.
- Old Business:
- March Noisy Offering will go to the Little Free Pantry.
- Install Church Council on March 26th.
- Scholarship Committee will review the application when received.
- Street Project: \$4,700 possible assessment. Paul Dilling will attend the meeting.

Unofficial Church Council Hi-Lites—March 21, 2023

Devotions were given by Pr. Mark using “Dwelling in the Word”. Secretary’s Report & Treasurer’s Reports were approved.

-Pastor Mark reported that the sharing of the Lent services is going well.

-Building & Grounds: Paul Dilling reported road repair will take place next summer.

-Church in Society: Donna Werner reported the Little Free Pantry has been filled.

-Worship & Music: Shari Budach reported that notations would now be put in the Sunday bulletin on when to stand.

-Stewardship: Kathy Paul reported that “Stewardship” has multiple meanings and this will be focused on this year.

-Salary for sub-organist was discussed. Will be raised to \$100 per service beginning April 1, 2023.

-April Noisy Offering to go to the Little Free Pantry.

-We are in need of one more delegate to the Synod Assembly.



Please remember the Little Free Pantry at Salem. This is a time of year of great need. You may bring your donations of non-perishable food items at any time. Cash donations are also appreciated. Noisy offering gifts also help to stock the Little Free Pantry. Thank you for your help.

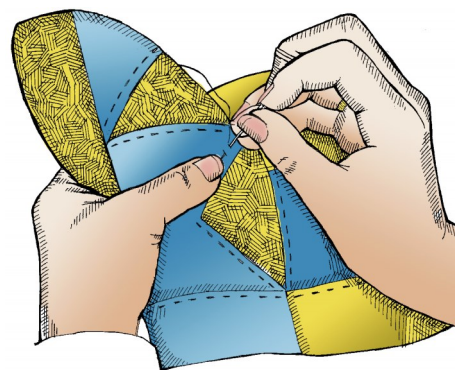
Salem Constitution

The Salem constitution has not been updated in 30 years. In order to comply with current law and the guidelines of the ELCA, we need to update it. If you are willing and able to help with this task, please let Beth Spande or Pastor Boorsma know of your availability. We will have a few meetings during the spring and summer to iron out the needed changes.



Sew 'n' Tell

April 11
March 25



QUILTING GROUP

Men's Bible Study

April 7

April 14

April 21

April 28

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



Dates to Remember

Sunday, April 2nd: Palm Sunday

9:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Thursday, April 6th: Maundy Thursday

11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion at Ascension Lutheran Church

Friday, April 7th: Good Friday

5:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion at Salem Lutheran Church

7:00 p.m. Worship Service at Ascension Lutheran Church

Sunday, April 9th: Easter Sunday

8:30 a.m. Easter Morning Worship at Ascension Lutheran Church

9:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship at Salem

10:00 a.m. Easter Morning Worship at Salem Lutheran Church





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Birthdays & Anniversaries

- April 5 Joe T. Anderson
- April 6 Clarice Bakken, Beau Johnsrud
- April 7 Jean Osmundson
- April 9 Greg Larson
- April 10 Kim Luhring
- April 12 Penelope Ewing, Emily Heilman
- April 14 Roselyn Anderson, Jaspar Flatten,
Donna Werner
- April 15 Joshua Gulbrandson
- April 19 Shirley Noaeill
- April 20 Camilla Henry, Malcolm Henry
- April 21 Sharon Dilling
- April 24 Marilyn Bleckeberg
- April 25 Scott Heilman
- April 27 Stacie Laite
- April 29 Derrek Laite

April 15: Tony & Jaclyn Flatten:
22 years

April 26: Roger & Bev Wessels:
47 years

April 28: Roger & Delores Hanna:
years

LET US PRAY...

*Larry Enderson
Woody Hestness
Shirley Eustis
Bob Cotton
Eva Johnsrud
Leland Dilling
Dean Beighley*

Family and friends of Susan Storlie.





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"Change Service Requested"

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



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