

NEWSLETTER

THE BUILDER

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

APRIL 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 APRIL AT SALEM

Women of Salem

Bible Study—Thursday, April 18 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

April 14: After worship you are invited to a workshop about our new Salem constitution. Please pick up a copy to review.

April 16: 6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting

Deployments

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:

Chocolate bunnies, Easter eggs, jelly beans, and Easter lilies — I like these tokens of the season just fine. But I want so much **more**, for you and for me.

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. — Philippians 3:10-11

Last summer my family's hasty stop in Delft was less than ideal. Rika felt sick, so she stayed in our rented vehicle and slept. Erin, Lydia, Mary and I walked swiftly to the Nieuwe Kerk. I looked up, wistfully, at its soaring church tower. Forty years earlier (and forty years younger) I had climbed all the way up and enjoyed the commanding view from above. Now I was content simply to remember, and remain below. We were rushed, worried about the many kilometers we still had to drive to check in at our next rental cottage, and the next leg of our journey.

We were in a hurry, but I saw what I most wanted to see — that impressive black marble slab covering the entrance to the royal burial crypts below, and its Latin inscription: *RESURRECTIONEM EXSPECTAT GUILIELMUS PRIMUS PATER PATRIAE* (William I, father of the country, awaits resurrection).

You see, I think William the Silent isn't the only one who awaits resurrection. We all do. That's the **more** I want for you and for me.

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection — not just as a Bible story, not just as ancient belief or future hope. I want Christ to arise in us, infusing our tired bodies with fresh energy, new life, and renewed purpose.

This is why we read the book of Acts throughout the season of Easter. It is a grand template for how the Living Christ arises boldly in the people he loves.

– *Pastor Mark Boorsma*

FINANCIAL CORNER

FEB.. INCOME

\$ 17,721

FEB.. EXPENSES

\$ 13,022.41

2024 INCOME:

\$ 23,900.50

2024 FROM SCHWAB:

\$

2024 OTHER INCOME:

\$

NOISY OFFERING:

ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY
(JANUARY) \$56.58

Memorials

Gifts were received in memory Joe Van Reese for the Salem Roof Fund and Salem Altar Guild.



Unofficial Council Hi-Lites

(March Church Council Minutes were not available at the time of this printing.)

Noisy Offering for April

Will be going to the Salem Roof Fund.

Please be generous with your coins to help Salem with this large upcoming expense. Thank you.

Our Easter Garden

Thank you to all who shared flowers to make our garden so very beautiful on Easter Sunday.

Concert

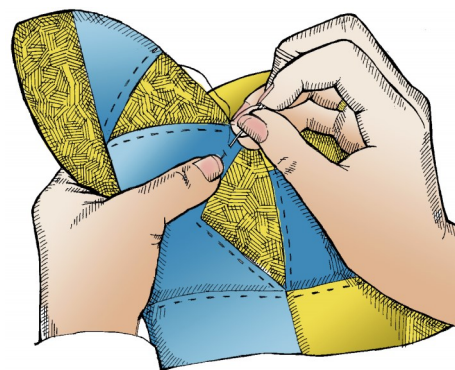
The Albert Lea Cantori Concert will be Sunday, April 28th at 3:00 p.m. in the United Methodist Church.



Sew 'n' Tell

April 9

April 23



QUILTING GROUP

Friday Morning Bible Study

April 5

April 12

April 19

April 26

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





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Birthdays & Anniversaries

April 5 Joe Anderson

April 6 Clarice Bakken

April 9 Greg Larson

April 10 Kim Luhring

April 12 Penelope Ewing, Emily Heilman

April 14 Donna Werner, Jaspar Flatten,
Rose Anderson

April 15 Josh Gulbrandson

April 19 Shirley Noaeill

April 20 Camilla & Malcolm Henry

April 21 Sharon Dilling

April 24 Marilyn Bleckeberg

April 25 Scott Heilman

April 27 Stacie Laite

April 28 James Wendel

April 29 Derrek Laite

April 15: Tony & Jaclyn Flatten 23 years

April 26: Roger & Bev Wessels 48 years

April 28: Roger & Dorie Hanna 67 years



LET US PRAY...

Larry Enderson

Woody Hestness

Shirley Eustis

Dean Beighley

Tom Eustis

Leland Dilling

Marianne DePoppe

Andrea Rhodes

Mary Paul

Kermit Iverson

Roger Holty

Harold Holty

Roger Hanna

*Family and friends of: Peter Smith,
father of Mary Boorsma.*



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



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