

# NEWSLETTER

# THE BUILDER

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

FEB. 2023



## WELCOME!

### GET IN TOUCH

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**Website:** salemalbertlea.org  
**Worship:** Sunday 10:00 am

### STAFF

**Pastor:** Pastor Mark Boorsma  
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507-377-2459  
**Secretary:** Vicki Reichl  
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**Custodian:** Ray Smith

### OFFICE HOURS:

Tue - Wed | 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Thu | 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

## INSIDE THIS ISSUE

### UPCOMING EVENTS FEBRUARY AT SALEM

### Women of Salem

Bible Study—Thursday, February 16 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##).



### Ash Wednesday, February 22nd

11:00 a.m. Service at Ascension Lutheran

Or

5:30 p.m. Service at Salem Lutheran





ASH WEDNESDAY

## From the Pastor:

Dear Friends,

Call me odd, but I love Ash Wednesday (Feb. 22 this year). Echoing Genesis 3:19, I will draw crosses on foreheads, while saying, “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” Yikes! As if a global pandemic hasn’t been enough to underscore our vulnerability and mortality, Ash Wednesday pulls no punches in reminding us yet again that we are finite, and we each have an as-yet-unknown expiration date.

This sobering reminder makes Ash Wednesday solemn and contemplative. But there is so much more. The ashes also make **visible** the cross that’s already there, the cross traced there when you were baptized. The minister then said, “Child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.”

At that moment, like an artist signing her imaginative creation, God wrote on you this holy signature, claiming you as God’s own. As you faithfully participate in Word and Sacrament, you live into the fullness of God’s rich and enduring promise: you are Mine.

Let’s wear those crosses with pride, reminded thereby who and Whose we are!

In Christ,  
Pastor Mark Boorsma

Note  
from the  
pastor



## FINANCIAL CORNER

### DEC. INCOME

\$ 13,922.13

### DEC. EXPENSES

\$ 9,281.28

### 2022 INCOME:

\$ 131,729

### 2022 FROM SCHWAB:

\$

### 2022 OTHER INCOME:

\$

### NOISY OFFERING:

LITTLE FREE PANTRY: \$



# February

## Unofficial Council Hi-Lites— January 17, 2023

-Called to order by Beth Spande.

-Devotions by Pr. Mark Boorsma using “Dwelling in the Word”. Matthew 4:12-23 and encouraged council members to engage with the reading.

Secretary’s Report and Treasurer’s Reports were approved.

Pastor’s Report: Pastor Boorsma reported he will begin parish visits.

### Committee Reports

-Budget & Finance: Mary Gulbrandson reviewed the reports.

-Church in Society: Donna Werner reviewed her annual report information.

-Worship & Music: Shari Budach reported her committee will be meeting this week.

Stewardship: Kathy Paul reported her committee will be meeting soon to begin planning for 2023.

### Old Business

-Doorbells

### New Business:

-February Noisy Offering will go to the Little Free Pantry.

--Thrivent Choice grant for \$200 coffee fund was approved.

--Discussion on a taller altar table or not having an altar table—this will be handled by Worship & Music Committee.

—Communication methods– Pastor Boorsma does not have a cell phone. Leave messages at church 373-2184 or his home 377-2459. Phone system at church - Church secretary to explore options regarding the phone & answering machine.

----Meeting was adjourned.

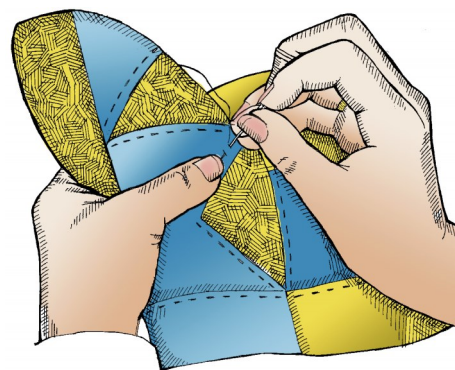


Please remember the Little Free Pantry at Salem. This is a time of year of great need. You may bring your donations of non-perishable food items at any time. Cash donations are also appreciated. Noisy offering gifts also help to stock the Little Free Pantry. Thank you for your help.

#### Thank You Notes Received

- Thank you from Good Earth Village for the gift of \$200. The staff and board wish us a blessed new year filled with peace & joy.
- Thank you from the American Red Cross for the gift of \$200. Will be applied to our local chapter. Proud of our support and commitment.
- Thank you from Lutheran Social Services for the gift of \$214. This will be used to help with the many services they offer.
- Thank you from Vicki Reichl, Church Secretary and Ray Smith, Custodian for the gifts of Chamber bucks at Christmas.

Sew 'n' Tell  
February 14  
February 28



QUILTING GROUP

#### Men's Bible Study

Feb. 3

Feb. 10

Feb. 17

Feb. 24

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



## Lenten Service Schedule

Salem will be combining with Ascension Lutheran and Christ Episcopal for our services. The schedule is below. For the services that have soup before/after the service or dessert and coffee before the service we are all invited and encouraged to attend.

### Ash Wednesday, February 22

11:00 a.m. Service at Ascension Lutheran

5:30 p.m. Service at Salem Lutheran

### Lenten Service, Wednesday, March 1

11:00 a.m. Service at Ascension Lutheran (soup after)

7:00 p.m. Service at Ascension Lutheran

### Lenten Service, Wednesday, March 8

11:00 a.m. Service at Salem Lutheran (soup after)

7:00 p.m. Service at Christ Episcopal (soup at 6:00 p.m.)

### Lenten Service, Wednesday, March 15

11:00 a.m. Service at Ascension Lutheran (soup after)

7:00 p.m. Service at Ascension Lutheran

### Lenten Service, Wednesday, March 22

11:00 a.m. Service at Salem Lutheran (soup after)

7:00 p.m. Service at Christ Episcopal (dessert & coffee at 6:00 p.m.)

### Lenten Service, Wednesday, March 29

11:00 a.m. Service at Ascension Lutheran (soup after)

7:00 p.m. Service at Ascension Lutheran

### Maundy Thursday, April 6

11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Services at Ascension Lutheran

### Good Friday, April 7

5:30 p.m. Service at Salem Lutheran

7:00 p.m. Worship at Ascension

### Easter Sunday, April 9

8:30 a.m. Service at Ascension Lutheran, 10:00 a.m. Service at Salem

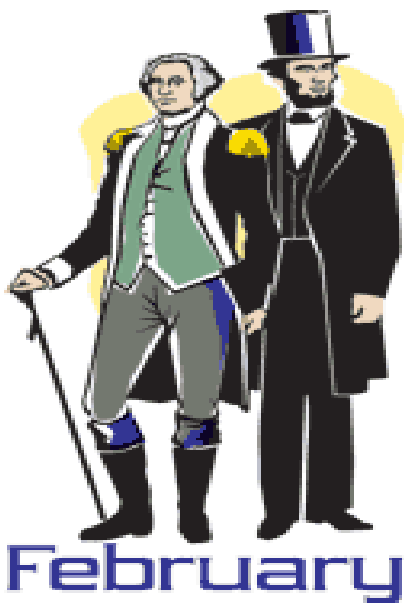


**FEBRUARY**  
Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Feb. 1 Alice Jacobson
- Feb. 3 Amanda Dilling
- Feb. 5 Mary Lahs
- Feb. 13 Caroline Neale
- Feb. 14 Riley Reichl
- Feb. 15 Linda Larson
- Feb. 16 Julie Dorman
- Feb. 17 Angela Jackson
- Feb. 19 Troy Waldemar
- Feb. 21 Jaclyn Flatten, Paul Thompson

- Feb. 9: Kent & Vicki Reichl 49 years
- Feb. 14: Al & Jill Quesenberry 31 years
- Feb. 15: Bob & Patti Cotton 48 years
- Feb. 27: Dwight & Mary Stevens 58 years

**LET US PRAY...**  
*Larry Enderson*  
*Woody Hestness*  
*Susan Storlie*  
*Shirley Eustis*  
*Bob Cotton*





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"Change Service Requested"

## THE BUILDER FEBRUARY, 2023

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

