

# NEWSLETTER

# THE BUILDER

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

MARCH 2023



## WELCOME!

### GET IN TOUCH

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**Worship:** Sunday 10:00 am

### STAFF

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### OFFICE HOURS:

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



### Plants for Easter Sunday at Salem

Easter lilies are \$13, tulips and daffodils are \$12.50. Include check to Salem Altar Guild with your order.

# \_\_\_\_\_ lilies # \_\_\_\_\_ tulips # \_\_\_\_\_ daffodils

Given in honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given in memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ will pick up

\_\_\_\_ will not pick up

From the Pastor:

Dear Friends,

As a gateway into Lent, the recent Transfiguration reports a curious change in the appearance of Jesus – that’s not just about Jesus alone. He has taken Peter, James, and John along with him, and they see and experience Jesus in ways that will transfigure and transform **them**.

This positions modern followers of Jesus to expect the same. The Lenten ‘closer walk’ with Jesus (and our siblings in faith) remodels and renews us for greater love, greater service, greater spiritual insight, and greater contentment.

On Wednesdays this Lent, our theme will be *Sing with All the Saints in Glory*. Music, prayer, story, and fellowship will enrich the walk with Jesus we will share.

We will hear more about saints whom the church remembers during these weeks, saints like Perpetua, Felicity, Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, George Herbert, John Wesley, Charles Wesley, Joseph, Oscar Romero, Patrick, Gregory the Great, Hans Nielsen Hauge, John Donne, and **you**.

Soup lunches and soup suppers (variously at Salem, Ascension, or Christ Church) will provide sustenance for the saints as we enjoy breaking bread together.

Expect a blessing, and expect to **be a blessing** to your family, friends and neighbors whom you meet on this walk with Jesus.

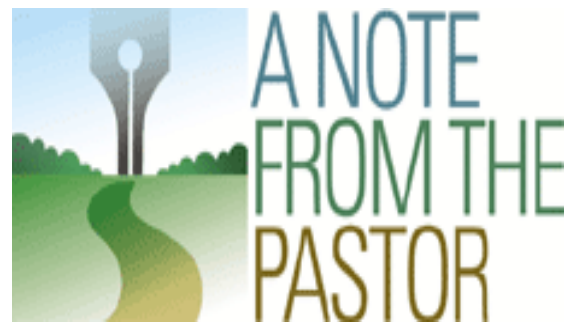
It is certainly our joy and privilege to walk with Jesus all year ‘round. But Lent also supplies us a perfect chance for a life-giving walk, as in the words of the hymn:

*Let us ever walk with Jesus . . . he has risen from the dead / that to life we may awaken. Jesus, you are now our head. We are your own living members; where you are, there we shall be in your presence constantly.*

I pray that your Lenten walk with Christ (and with your sisters and brothers in Christ) may encourage you, enriching your faith and life.

Come, be transfigured in Christ!

Pastor Mark Boorsma



## FINANCIAL CORNER

### JAN. INCOME

\$ 7,377.00

### JAN. EXPENSES

\$ 9,687.16

### 2023 INCOME:

\$ 9,687.16

### 2023 FROM SCHWAB:

\$

### 2023 OTHER INCOME:

\$

### NOISY OFFERING:

LITTLE FREE PANTRY: \$ 201.71



# March

## Unofficial Council Hi-Lites

The February meeting was postponed due to weather so Hi-lites of the meeting held on February 28th will be in the next month's Builder.



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.

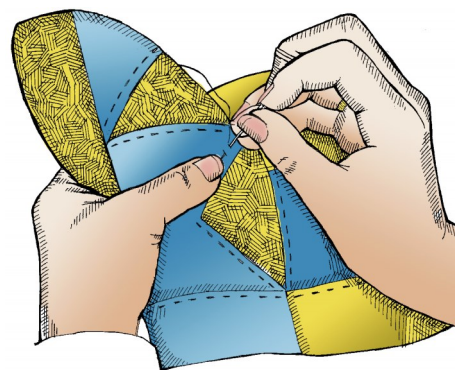
#### Thank You Notes Received

- From Good Earth Village for the gift of \$200. Will be used to support the work of growing faith and to provide a safe experience for all campers.
- From SEMCAC for the gift of \$200. Will be used to help people and change lives.
- From American Red Cross for the gift of \$200 to make an impact on the lives of the people in our community that they serve every day.
- From Lutheran Social Service for the gift of \$214 to help support their services in Minnesota.

### Sew 'n' Tell

March 14

March 28



QUILTING GROUP

### Men's Bible Study

March 3

March 10

March 17

March 24

March 31

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.

### 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 Salem Lutheran (coffee & treats after) \*\*note change**

### 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

LENTEN  
*Schedule*



- March 4 Randy Kolling, Holli Waldemar
- March 6 Pauline Hall, Mary Nelson,  
Terry Osmundson
- March 8 Deb Kolling
- March 9 Dwight Stevens
- March 10 Maxine Bye, James Manges
- March 11 Janice Ayers, Brad Pirsig
- March 13 Kash Petersen
- March 17 Kelly Preble
- March 20 Larry Lahs
- March 21 Charlotte Olson
- March 22 Whitney Reim Sr.
- March 24 Travis Ness
- March 25 Laura Delano
- March 26 Deb Kaufman

- March 3: Bruce & Eileen Ness: 44 years
- March 6: Brian & Kelly Treble: 4 years
- March 24: Roger & Clarice Bakken: 60 years

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





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"Change Service Requested"

## THE BUILDER MARCH, 2023

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

