

NEWSLETTER

THE BUILDER

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

MARCH, 2025



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 20th 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##).

Flowers for Easter Sunday

If you would like to share flowers with Salem for Easter Sunday (April 20) please fill out the form below. Lilies are \$14, Daffodils & tulips are \$13. Please include payment to Salem Altar Guild with you order.

Given in honor of: _____

Given in memory of: _____

Given by: _____

___ will pick up ___ will not pick up

From the Pastor:

You can easily find a hymn in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* because they are numbered sequentially. We learn to look for hymn number **886** toward the back of the hymnal. **365** is in the middle. So where is hymn number **150**?

It's the same as **Psalm** 150! The *ELW* honors this ancient collection of hymns by **continuing** the sequence of numbers begun by the Hebrew Psalms.

The name of this collection in Hebrew is *Tehillim* — “praises.” Why then do we now call them *psalms*?

About 250 years before Jesus, the Hebrew Bible was translated into Greek — then the world's dominant language. The title used for the book of 150 Hebrew songs was the Greek word *psalms*. Based on a verb (*psallo*) meaning to pluck or play a stringed instrument, it conveyed the essence of the collection as music for worship — sung with accompaniment by a stringed instrument such as a harp.

The Psalms are part of every service of worship still today. The preacher rarely bases a sermon on the Psalm. The focus instead is usually upon the day's Gospel reading. But this Lent, we will use the midweek Wednesday services to pay closer attention to the Psalms in particular. They are a treasure trove of faith, prayer, and devotion. Most human thoughts and emotions are given voice somewhere in the Psalms, making them among our best-known and best-loved snippets from the Bible.

As in previous years, an 11:00 a.m. Wednesday service will be held, followed by a soup lunch. A 7:00 p.m. Wednesday service will also be held. These services will circulate between the three participating congregations — Salem, Ascension, and Christ Episcopal, affording a chance to worship with friends and neighbors. Come and hear more about the Psalms!

- Pastor Mark Boorsma



FINANCIAL CORNER

JANUARY INCOME

\$ 11,178,00

JANUARY EXPENSES

\$ 10,328,50

2025 INCOME:

\$ 11,178.00

2025 FROM SCHWAB:

2025 OTHER INCOME:

\$

MEMORIALS

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF PAULINE HALL TO THE SALEM ROOF FUND.

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF LES ANDERSON TO THE SALEM ROOF FUND.

Noisy Offering

March will be Split:

50% Ecumenical Food Pantry
And
50% Salvation Army Food Pantry

February gifts

Ecumenical Food Pantry: \$51
Salvation Army Food Pantry: \$51

\$129.25 was given to the Little Free Pantry in February. Thank you.

Unofficial Council Hi-Lites—February 18, 2025

- Call to order by President Beth Spande.
 - Devotions by Pastor Mark Boorsma.
 - Secretary's Report approved on motion by Kim Luhring, seconded by Bruce Ness and passed.
 - Treasurer's Report approved on motion by Deb Stolarcek seconded by Kathy Paul and passed.
 - Pastor's Report: Pastor Mark reported that we have had the funeral for Pauline Hall and will be having the funeral for Les Anderson.
 - Committee Reports
 - Budget & Finance: Kim Luhring reported that we are in the black.
 - Building & Grounds: Paul Dilling reported that there had been a problem with the back door but it has been handled.
 - Stewardship: Kathy Paul reported that she has a wonderful committee and there will be a Temple Talk on March 2.
 - Worship & Music: Deb Stolarcek reported that Salem will have a Ash Wednesday Service (March 5) at 11:00 a.m. Schedule was set for the shared Lenten Services with Ascension & Christ Episcopal. New Usher/Greeter guidelines have been set.
 - Old Business
 - The decision was made to table the March 23rd Congregational Meeting set to ratify the new constitution because the synod may need more time to look it over again.
 - Councils as Leaders Workshop will be held in Owatonna on March 8th. Interested members should register.
 - Council Members will be installed at the worship service on March 2.
 - Thrivent grant was approved for the coffee fund. Members are asked to bring personal care items to the Ash Wednesday service for the Little Free Pantry. Thrivent funds will supplement with more items.
 - -Meeting adjourned.
- Next meeting March 18th at 6:30 p.m.

Little Free Pantry

It is important to keep our Little Free Pantry stocked the best we can. Help if you are able.

Some ideas are:

Cold cereal

Hot cereal

Bread Cake & Muffin mixes

Mac & Cheese

Soups

Canned Fruits

Crackers Chips Cookies

Canned Meats

White & Brown Sugar, Flour

Puddings & Jello

Food items can be put into the pantry or dropped off at church. Coin or cash donations may be put in the offering plate (marked Little Free Pantry). Thank you for Sharing!



March

Sew 'n' Tell

March 11
and
March 25

Friday Morning Bible Study

March 7

March 14

March 21

March 28

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 12– Lenten Services

11:00 a.m. at Ascension (followed by soup)

7:00 p.m. at Ascension (followed by bars & coffee)

March 19 –Lenten Services

11:00 a.m. at Salem (followed by soup)

6:00 p.m. Soup at Christ Episcopal

7:00 p.m. at Christ Episcopal

March 26 –Lenten Services

11:00 a.m. at Ascension (followed by soup)

7:00 p.m. at Salem (followed by bars & coffee)

April 2 Lenten Services

11:00 a.m. at Ascension (followed by soup)

6:00 p.m. Desserts at Christ Episcopal

7:00 p.m. at Christ Episcopal

April 9 Lenten Services

11:00 a.m. at Salem (followed by soup)

7:00 p.m. at Ascension (followed by bars & coffee)



- March 1 Dane Duenes
- March 4 Randy Kolling, Holli Waldemar
- March 6 Mary Nelson, Terry Osmundson
- March 8 Deb Kolling
- March 9 Dwight Stevens
- March 10 Maxine Bye
- March 11 Janice Ayers, Brad Pirsig
- March 12 Kathleen Bleckeberg
- March 13 Kash Petersen
- March 17 Kelly Preble
- March 20 Larry Lahs Sr.
- March 22 Whitney Reim Sr.
- March 25 Laura Delano
- March 26 Deb Kaufman

March 3: Bruce & Eileen Ness-
46 years

March 6: Kelly & Brian Preble -
6 years

March 18: Terry & Tim Osmundson—
14 years

March 23: Michelle & Tim Stollard—
12 years

March 24: Roger & Clarice Bakken—
62 years

Happy Anniversary!

LET US PRAY...

*Mary Paul
Pat Dollum
Dan Hensche
Roger Holty
Roger Hanna
Andrea Rhodes*

*Our prayers are with the family
and friends of Les Anderson.*

*Our prayers are with the family
and friends of Harold Holty.
Harold's funeral will be March
22nd at 11:00 a.m.*



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"Change Service Requested"

THE BUILDER MARCH, 2025

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

