

The SEER

Salem Lutheran Church * A Community of Believers, Praising and Serving God



Worship Schedule For Lent

Sundays
8:30 &
10:45 am

March 4 - ELW Setting 9
March 11 - ELW Setting 9
March 18 - ELW Setting 9
March 25- Palm/Passion Sunday

April 1 - Easter- 3 services
6:45 Sunrise Service at Salem Cemetery
April 12- Feast of Life
April 19 - ELW Setting 4
April 26 - Feast of Life

Lenten Midweek Services
Wednesday
March 7, 14 & 21
at 12:15 & 7pm.

Maundy Thursday is March 29.
Good Friday is March 30.
Services will be at 7pm.

Childcare is available for preschool children & infants during church worship on Sunday mornings & Wednesday evenings.

Come out and share the story!

"I am the way, the truth, and the life"
John 14:6



In March we have three Wednesdays with Lenten Services. Come hear the message based on our devotional "You are the Way". Devotionals are available at the back of the Nave.

The two half-hour services are different, but the message is the same. The one at 12:15 is the Lenten Prayer and 7pm is the sung, Holden Evening Prayer.

At 6 pm there is a soup supper preceding the service. Child care is available during the evening service.



There are no Wednesday services between Palm Sunday and Easter.

The Maundy Thursday Service is March 29 at 7pm
The Good Friday Service is March 30 at 7pm.

Easter Sunrise Service will be at 6:45am at the Salem Cemetery.

Easter Services, April 1, will be at 8:30 & 10:45am at Salem. Breakfast & an egg hunt will be held between services.

Nursery provided at all Holy Week services except Sunrise.

From the Pastor:

I know that March is named for Mars, the Roman god of war. But what if we let it be its anglicized self, and allow it to name our walk, our hike, our 'march' toward Easter and our journey to resurrection?

We've already sung, on Ash Wednesday, a Lenten hymn (by Sylvia G Dunstan) about journeying:

*Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make,
the path through noise and silence, the way of give and take.
The trail is found in desert and winds the mountain round,
then leads beside still waters, the road where faith is found.*

The final verse looks forward to the 'lands of promise, where milk and honey flow' – and yet it acknowledges that God blesses the journey itself, just as much, with God's presence:

*...but waiting not for places, you meet us all around.
Our covenant is written on roads, as faith is found. (ELW 326)*

As we journey, though, we often meet troubles, grief, pain, and loss, That is when we are privileged to sing, along with the African Americans who sang this in times we cannot begin to imagine,

*I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me,
all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
When I'm in trouble, Lord walk with me; when I'm in trouble Lord walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. (ELW 325)*

But this is ultimately a journey toward peace, wholeness, glory and joy. One more hymn, by Bernhardt S. Ingemann, reminds us of this promise, using a melody and rhythm that can only be sung in a 'march':

*Through the night of doubt and sorrow, onward goes the pilgrim band,
singing songs of expectation, marching to the promised land.
Clear before us through the darkness gleams and burns the guiding light;
pilgrim clasps the hand of pilgrim, stepping fearless through the night. (ELW 327)*

We wander, we walk, and we march, pilgrim clasping pilgrim's hand, met by the Spirit, all around; accompanied by Jesus, even when our heads are bowed in sorrow; led by our Guiding Light, to the promised land.

See you "on the way" each Sunday and Wednesday, through Holy Week, to Easter morning.

Pastor Sally



Just a reminder that **Sunday, March 12 will be the time change.** Spring your clocks forward. We miss you when you aren't here for church.



Book Club will meet to discuss the short story, A Good Man is Hard to Find by Flannery O'Connor, on Monday, March 26 at 7pm. For more information, contact Priscilla Gerfen at priscilla@gerfen.com or 624-6235.

Salem will host **Love Feast** on Tuesday, March 27. If you can help put the dinner together or donate cookies, please contact Priscilla Gerfen, 624-6235.

Do you like to garden or do yard work? Salem's outside, inside and atrium plants need helpers to care for them. Please let Dorothy or Gordon Johnson (outside) at gvjdlj@suddenlink.net or Judy Lewis (inside & atrium) at judylewis@suddenlink.net know your interests.



Choir

Wed, **March 7** ~ 7:30pm,
after Holden Evening Prayer
Wed, **March 14** ~ 7:30pm
Wed, **March 21** ~ No Practice,
Spring Break
Wed, **March 28** ~ 7:30pm
Wed, **April 4** ~ 7:00pm
Back to regular schedule



"Mahoney!! Don't you remember what God told Moses?! Just gather enough for today!!"



"What did St. Patrick have against snakes?"



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Sunday, March 4th at 9:30 SLY will be going on a Panera Run.

Saturday, March 31st at 10am SLY will meet at the church to prep for Easter Breakfast and decorate the cross

We ask that members start looking for their electric skillet, if they are willing to let us borrow them for Easter Breakfast.

We also ask for individually wrapped candy donations for the Easter Egg Hunt. Please leave candy in the Parish Hall.

Questions? Please contact TJ at 479-957-1859

Prayer Room Now Open

Our new Prayer Room is now open for your use, during office hours or when the church is open evenings (see the calendar). You can be there alone or with someone else or a small group; you can invite friends and neighbors to use it as well. It is a lovely space conducive to meditation and prayer, including a kneeler, prayer pillows and chairs. A place for prayer requests and updates is on the wall. Heat and air are adjustable (instructions at the top of the stairs. You will find it in the upstairs Sunday school portion of the building at the back; signs point the way.

Don't know what to pray? Copies of our Ash Wednesday service are there, full of many prayers appropriate to Lent.

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