

Thanks to Salem's Ministers: Greeters **Sally Koester, Kathy St. Martin, Steve & Pat Behrenbrinker, Joan West, Becca Rosa & Family** Ushers 10:30 **Deb Backus, Carla Gardner, Mark & Lanette Wise** Communion 10:30 **Laurie McClintock, Cathy Wilhelm** Sound Techs 8:30 **Glenn Street** 10:30 **Phil Konsor** Projectionists **Doug Yager, Sharon Litzau, Kristina Inoyatova, Dayton Herbranson** Security **Darin Jahnke**

Salem Sunday Seeds - Each Sunday of the month is designated for a specific Sunday "Seed" – an opportunity to give towards that need. **This Sunday's Seeds:** St. Cloud Crisis nursery – diapers, wipes, etc., collected in lattice container by the church library. **Next week:** non-perishable food and personal care items are collected for the Salvation Army. Please place on the shelves in the Gathering Area.

Salem's Prayer Shawl Ministry - give a prayer shawl not only to someone who is going through an illness or difficult time, but also to someone having a milestone birthday, graduation or other momentous event. Also available are prayer squares. Both are in the church office. Please join us Thursday from 1-3:00pm in the church library.

Pray for Those Serving in Our Nation's Military on Active Duty: Pr./Chaplain Daryl Thu, Aren Johnson, Nicholas Robbins, Captain Andrew Lang, John Lundgren Jr., Travis Aldrich, Commander Eric Naley, Jim Freund, Larry Taing, Jared Woodberry, Paul Maetzold, John Lundgren, Sarah Pettit, Nik Wurdelman, Joseph Porter, Brian & Ryan Vanderway, Peter Laclede, Joseph Laclede, Allie Laclede, Carson Freund and Ty Johnson.

EcoFaith/Creation Care Summit invites people of faith in the Upper Midwest to join in "Now the Green Blade Rises: The Easter Gospel for the Whole Creation" Saturday, March 28, 9am. - 3:30pm, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 418 8th Av. NE, Brainerd, MN. The summit will be a day to provide individual insight and equip congregations to integrate care of creation throughout all congregational activities, including worship, education, congregational life, building and grounds, and community engagement. Worship, breakout sessions on grassroots actions, and networking with other congregations. Registration required at: nemnsynodecofaithsummit2020.eventbrite.com. \$20, adults, \$10 youth (includes lunch). Folks interested in car pooling at Salem 7:30am – contact the church office.

Please notify the church office if you are going to be hospitalized or if a member of your family becomes hospitalized.

Help with Sunday Community Meals March 22 and April 12. Please sign the black Welcome Book.

Salem's Book Club meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 12 noon to 1:00pm, Salem's Conference Room and provides readers an hour-long opportunity to discuss books, mostly fiction, with other readers. Upcoming: March 10 "The Whole Town's Talking" by Fannie Flag.

Fare For All Food Distribution at Salem on Monday, March 9, 3:30 to 5:30pm. Save up to 40% on healthy food staples such as fruits, vegetables and frozen meats. Fare For All is for everyone - no income qualifications – and accepts cash, credit, debit, and EBT cards. There is no need to register in advance. Please sign the black Welcome Book to help. Produce Pack \$10 – varieties of fresh vegetables and fruits; Mini Meat Pack \$11 – includes a variety of 4-5 frozen meat items; Combo Pack \$20 – save an extra \$1.00 by combining the Produce Pack and the Mini Meat Pack; .Mega Meat Pack \$25 variety meat items.

Salem Foundation Education Scholarships Available

Scholarships will be awarded to outstanding individuals who are members and/or active participants of Salem Lutheran Church. Application materials on-line at <http://www.salemstcloud.org/#/about-us/salem-foundation> or in the church office. Application deadline is March 31.

Ramona Mohs Scholarship: The Salem Foundation annually awards one \$500 scholarship to an individual with a professed interest and intention of pursuing or continuing a professional career in the broad field of health care. This scholarship is open to all ages.

Ruth Betts Scholarship: The Salem Foundation awards Ruth Betts Scholarships to high school seniors with awards up to \$1000 made available to students in their first year of post-high school training.

Coffee is provided Sunday mornings at Salem. People are needed to be in a rotation to make coffee and set out cookies before the 8:30am service. People are also needed to take the coffee pots to the kitchen and clean up/put away cookies at 10:30am. Sign up sheet by coffee station.

Submit prayer requests using the Prayer Card in the pew rack and place in the wooden box by the Caring Ministry Lounge in the Gathering Area. Or e-mail the church at contact@salemstcloud.org. Requests are confidential

Easter Egg Hunt! Salem's Kids will once again host an Easter Egg hunt between services on Easter Sunday, April 12, . Children in Preschool-6th grade are invited to join us for fun event, rain or shine! The eggs will roll at 9:45am, more details to follow as we get closer to Easter!

Today at Salem

Sunday, March 8 8:30am Worship (broadcast on WMIN 1010 A 9:30am Coffee Fellowship; 9:35am Salem Kids Sunday School; 10:30am Worship/Communion/Bible Milestone Ministry; 12 noon Community Meal

This Week at Salem

Monday, March 9 11:00am Patsy Ganz Funeral; 3:30-5:30pm Fa All Food

Tuesday, March 10 11:00am Prayer Keepers; 12 noon Book Clu

Wednesday, March 11 12 noon & 7:00pm Wednesday Service: Bandage Rolling During Lent; 9:30am-3:00pm LWR Quilts; 5:30 Heavenly Metal Bells; 5:45pm Meal; 5:45pm Sanctuary Choir; 6:3 Adult Bells; 7:45pm Praise Team

Thursday, March 12 3:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry; 7:00pm NA

Friday, March 13 2:00pm Robert Stoeckel Funeral

Saturday, March 14 11:00am Avis Mordini Funeral; 11:00am Spenders Anon

Sunday, March 15 8:30am Worship/Communion (broadcast on WMIN 1010 AM); 9:35am Salem Kids Sunday School; 9:40am A Forum; 10:30am Worship

Personal Care Kits Project During Lent

Please consider purchasing any of the following items and bringing to the collection boxes in the church office: light or medium-weight dark colored bath-size towel (approximately 52"X 27"); two bath-size bars (4-5 oz.) or 3 (3 oz.) bars of soap in the original wrapper; one size tooth brush in its original packing or two toothbrushes in a package separated, sturdy comb, and metal nail clippers.

White sheets at least 50% cotton needed for bandage making. Please bring to the church office.

CHURCH STAFF: Senior Pastor Tim Routh; Interim Youth and Family Ministry Pete Erickson; Director of Music and Worship Speckhard; Administrative Assistant Viv Kloskin; Children's Ministry Coordinator Jodi Burling; Financial Clerk Tammy St Caring Ministry Coordinator Deb Anderson; Property Manager Kothman; Custodian Eddy Setterholm; Handbell Choir Director Potter; Principal Organist Dr. Charles Echols; Organist Mark Froland

Lenten Midweek Wednesday Worship 12 noon & 7:00pm

(Lenten series is built around the "I am" themes in the Gospel of John)

Wed., March 11: "I am the bread of life." (John 6:35, 41, 48, 51)

Wed., March 18: "I am the resurrection and the life." (John 11:25)

Wed., March 25: "I am the good shepherd." (John 10:11, 14)

Wed., April 1: "I am the true vine." (John 15:1, 5)

(* 6:00pm meal followed by 7:00pm service with our young people assisting.)

Over '55 – ABA (Awesome Beyond Age 55) Program First Event Monday, March 16, 12 noon, at Salem

The Senior/Adult ministry board has been meeting to plan events for the year. Our first event will be Monday, March 16, with a 12 noon lunch, followed by a speaker. The plan is to honor the Irish with food, song and devotions.

The speaker is Tom Kuseske, a native of Kimball, currently living in Mora, who is a retired social studies teacher. His entertaining presentation will be on famous Minnesota and Wisconsin authors' storytelling through their books. Kuseske engages his audience with wit and humor.

Come to our first event! Plan to pay for the lunch on Sundays between services or at the office during week. We need a count for meal planning. Lunch will be corn beef boiled dinner – cost is \$8. We will need payment by Wednesday, March 11.



March is Minnesota Food Share month. Salem participates by collecting donations for the St. Cloud Salvation Army food shelf. Throughout March, help fill the food shelves located outside the doors of the chapel area in Salem's Gathering Area. Please bring non-perishable food items and personal care items.

Online Giving: Did you know Salem offers direct debit giving and online giving options for our congregation? Visit our website today to see information of both options, including the newly updated online giving options.

<https://www.salemstcloud.org/give>. Direct debit giving forms are available in the Gathering Area on the Welcome Desk

Support our neighbor St. Augustine's Fish Fry Friday, March 13, 4:00pm – 7:30pm. To go as a group, meet at Salem at 4:00pm and we will walk over.

Prayer and Praise

† For those serving in our nation's military on active duty, in the National Guard and Reserves, and for those veterans who have faithfully served.

† For the ministries and missions of Salem.

† For the continued healing and recovery of Carol Eickhoff, Larry Logeman, Bruce Mohs, Suzie Keller, Bob Stoeckel, Brian Espe, Shelby Linn, Julia Czech, and John Mezera.

† For the family of Patsy Genz who died March 2. Her funeral is March 9, 11:00am, at Salem with visitation one hour before.

† For the family of Robert Stoeckel who died March 4. His funeral is March 13, 2:00pm, at Salem with visitation one hour before.

† For the family of Avis Mordini. Her funeral is March 14, 11:00am, at Salem with visitation one hour before.

† The altar flowers are given in memory of Louisa Johnson by Carol Hallan.

Lutheran World Relief Quilting Project every Wednesday during Lent. JOB OPENINGS--Available immediately for tying quilts

On the job training, one day a week, flexible hours, working on elevated tables, involves standing. Benefits: opportunity to serve your Lord, fellowship with your sisters of Salem, and you will get exercise. Apply any Wednesday during Lent from 9:30am to 3:00pm. From noon to 1:30pm there is the opportunity to attend Lenten service with lunch following. Equal opportunity employer! Any questions - Joan West (253-9620). Thanks to anyone who applies.

The Spring Gathering of the WELCA of the Great River Conference will be held at Salem on Saturday, April 4, 8:30am to 12 noon, luncheon following. Registration is \$10 payable at the event.

Speaker Reverend Mandy France, pastor at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Bird Island, MN, will be sharing a message promoting the love of our neighbors. Pastor Mandy will be telling us about her Muslim friend, Dr. Aya Virji, who came to Dawson, MN to be the doctor in that community which led to his writing of the book, Love Thy Neighbor: A Muslim Doctor's Struggle for Home in Rural America. Pastor Mandy and Dr. Virji together did interfaith lectures in towns across Minnesota and a few other states recounting his experience in Dawson.

Please sign up in the Black Book to help with planning, decorating and arranging tables in both the Great Hall on Friday, April 3 and/or I am willing to assist with the serving of the catered meal and help clean up on April 4.

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Welcome to worship. Our mission is MAKING JESUS KNOWN! It is prayer and hope that you will sense the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A special word of welcome to our guests. We are honored by your presence and invite you to return next Sunday for worship. Bibles and hymns are in the pew racks and/or under the chairs.

Small children are welcome at worship. If they become restless, the nursery available during the worship services for children up to three years and there are chairs and a sound system in the Gathering Area.

Hearing devices are available from the ushers. They will assist you.

Busy Bags are available for small children to use during worship services. They are on the stand in the Gathering Area.

8:30am worship service available on cassette tape in Gathering Area if you have cassettes, please return them for re-use.

Large print bulletins are available on the table by the main Sanctuary

Third Grade Bible Milestone Today

Salem's Kids 3rd Graders and their families participated in the 3rd Grade Milestone Classes. During the 10:30am service the children will be presented with their Bibles. We have four children - Elizabeth Rosa, Beanna Schuft Keirra Tang and Chase Adamek-Lyon - receiving their new Hands on Bible. They have spent the last two Sundays learning more about their new Bible during our milestone ministry classes.

Seeking Call Committee

We are seeking people who would be interested to be on a Call Committee as we seek a Pastor or Deacon. It would be at least a 2 month commitment. If interested the application is on the church Website, in the church office or on the Welcome Center. The application should be turned into the church office by March 23rd.

Coronavirus Information and Precautions for Salem Church

You've surely noticed the increase in media coverage surrounding coronavirus. We want to assure you that Salem leadership will continue to monitor the situation, and our focus remains on the health and safety of members and guests of Salem. ***If you are uncomfortable shaking hands during church services, that is ok. Think about an alternative method of welcoming and greeting other members and guests at Salem.*** Thank you! Church Council

