

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our mission is to reach out to others, proclaim God's word, share our faith and celebrate His love.

APRIL 2019

"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." Lamentations 3:22-24

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is a joy to begin something new with you. By the time you are reading these words, we will be just days from beginning a new relationship, the relationship between a congregation and their Pastor. This is something new for us.

For the past nine months, I have loved getting to know you and serving as your transitional leader and vicar. We have navigated some uncharted waters together, and through those challenges, we have grown stronger. Our path has not been an easy one. You have shown your strength and resiliency, and I hope that I have demonstrated mine. These are skills we will continue to use going forward, and I am humbled and honored by the trust you have placed in me.

There is a sense of relief in this beginning. A permanence. An end of the uncertainty about the future and what comes next for Salem. I certainly feel that sense of peace knowing where I am called and where I will serve. It feels good to settle in and feel at home. I have been waiting for this moment for a very long time.

However, the greatest joy that comes from this new beginning is the hope for the future of our work together. We are wrapped in the steadfast love of the Lord as we consider how Salem reaches out to others, proclaims God's word, shares our faith, and celebrates God's love.

Salem is reaching out to others. We grow each and every week as we learn more about the God we love and the God who loves us. We are growing as we care for our neighbors who need to feel God's love. We have shown this love abundantly through our work as an emergency shelter during this month, and we will continue to show love to our neighbors in the days, weeks, and months to come.

Salem is proclaiming God's word and sharing our faith. We proclaim God's word through our radio ministry and through our dedication to worship and Bible study. We share our faith when in tangible ways through the Table ministry and the generous way in which we share our facility with our community.

Salem celebrates God's love. We are a congregation with rich history, and a bright future. We embrace each day with hope and anticipation of what God can do.. We each have unique passions and talents and skills. I hope to share new ways of exploring how those gifts can honor God in the future.

Together, we can look to the future with hope, trusting in the great faithfulness of the Lord!

To God be the Glory,



Vicar Shari Schwedhelm, M.Div.



*Preaching and
Presiding in
April
Vicar Shari
Schwedhelm*

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Sensing the Gospel: A Five-Part Series of Meditations for Lent

VICAR'S MESSAGE



CREATOR GOD, YOU
PREPARE A NEW WAY IN
THE WILDERNESS, AND
YOUR GRACE WATERS
OUR DESERT. OPEN OUR
HEARTS TO BE
TRANSFORMED BY THE
NEW THING YOU ARE
DOING, THAT OUR LIVES
MAY PROCLAIM THE
EXTRAVAGANCE OF YOUR
LOVE GIVEN TO ALL
THROUGH YOUR SON,
JESUS CHRIST, OUR
SAVIOR AND LORD, WHO
LIVES AND REIGNS WITH
YOU AND THE HOLY
SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW
AND FOREVER.
AMEN.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
APRIL 7, 2019

"We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life ... " (1 John 1:1)

As Jesus preached and encountered people on earth, the salvation he brought could not be reduced to an idea or an abstract concept. It was not a mere philosophy, but instead an intensely human reality. Jesus had come as God, present in human flesh. These were real people in real contact with a real man from Galilee.

Even today, we encounter God and God's salvation in embodied ways -- in our bodies' abilities to perceive everyday realities and to interpret new ones. During the season of Lent, we have opportunities to pause and consider these reminders. We begin our season with a dirty mark of ash, the dark reminder of our sin and its cost. It will end with the bitter taste of wine and the sound of a pounding nail, the sight of the cross, and the darkness and silence of a tomb. In between, Lent allows us to consider together who we are and how through our senses we encounter an incarnate God.

Week One (Touch) - March 13, 2019

Texts: Luke 7:11-15 and Revelation 21:1-4 Psalm 118:15-17

The power and importance of a healing touch.

Week Two (Sight) - March 20, 2019

Texts: Mark 8:22-25 and 1 Corinthians 13:12 Psalm 36: 1-2, 7-9

Jesus heals a blind man.

Week Three (Taste) – March 27, 2019

Texts: John 2:1-10 and 1 Peter 2:2-3 Psalm 34:4-8

Jesus turns water to wine. "Taste and See that the Lord is good."

Week Four (Hearing) – April 3, 2019

Texts: John 5:25-29 and Romans 10:14, 17 Psalm 62

Faith comes through hearing.

Week Five (Smell) – April 10, 2019

Texts: John 12:1-3 and 2 Corinthians 2:14-16a Psalm 141:1-2

Mary anoints Jesus.

To God be the Glory,

Vicar Shari Schwedhelm, M.Div.

Simply defined, The Three Days (Triduum in Latin) are the three days of Holy Week which focus intensely on Christ's passage from death to life: Maundy Thursday evening through Easter evening.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

The keeping of The Three Days has its roots in springtime rituals and in the Jewish celebration of the Passover. The Jewish people observed the passage from winter to spring by slaughtering a lamb and sharing a meal. This meal recalled the saving power of God and their thankfulness not only to have survived winter, but to have been freed from slavery.

Christians layered onto this practice the observation of the death and resurrection of another lamb, Christ, the Lamb of God. The date for this observation coincided with the Jewish Passover.

In the second and third centuries, this festival continued to evolve. Pascha (from the Greek, meaning "passage," as in Christ's passage from death to new life) became not only linked to the Passover as described in Exodus, but also the to waters of Baptism. Individuals or families were baptized at this time of the year. Thus, what began as a Jewish celebration of the Passover became an annual celebration of the Resurrection (see *Keeping Time: the Church's Years*, by Gail Ramshaw and Mons Teig, page 94).

This annual celebration had become a three-day observance by the fourth century. After a period of preparation, Christians were welcomed into the church through baptism at the Vigil of Easter. Although Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and The Vigil were observed on three days, the event was regarded as one ritual with a dismissal given only at the Easter Vigil.

Over time, the practice of keeping The Three Days waned and other Holy Week rituals developed. Only in the twentieth century has the church witnessed a renewal of this feast.

The Three Days will be celebrated with The Living Last Supper at Salem on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday worship at St. Timothy's, the Easter Vigil at St. James' and Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of Our Lord on Easter Sunday.

These services will provide a meaningful and profound way to experience the joys and sorrows of Holy Week in a deeply spiritual way.

A Brief Introduction to The Three Days. April 12, 2017 by ELCA Worship

May your whole life sing!



Jeff Hoffman
Coordinator of Worship & Music



EVERLASTING GOD, IN
YOUR ENDLESS LOVE
FOR THE HUMAN RACE
YOU SENT OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST TO TAKE
ON OUR NATURE AND TO
SUFFER DEATH ON THE
CROSS. IN YOUR MERCY
ENABLE US TO SHARE IN
HIS OBEDIENCE TO
YOUR WILL AND IN THE
GLORIOUS VICTORY OF
HIS RESURRECTION,
WHO LIVES AND REIGNS
WITH YOU AND THE
HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD,
NOW AND FOREVER.
AMEN.



PRAYER OF THE DAY
APRIL 14, 2019



SALEM LITTLE SAINTS

Spring is here! All of us here are so excited to get to be outside, play on our playground, and start planning our garden. Earth day is later in the month so we will be doing things to reduce, reuse, and recycle.

Week of the Young Child is April 8th through 12th, this is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). The purpose of Week of the Young Child is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. We will have themed days this week including Music Monday, Tasty Tuesday, an Work Together Wednesday!

The child care will be having an Art Show to display and sell the children of the centers artwork! As Picasso said, every child is an artist. Please come and enjoy viewing some of the finest art, sipping lemonade, and purchasing some masterpieces to display in your home! It will be held on April 12th between 5 and 7 pm.

Easter Sunday is April 21st, we will be talking about the meaning of Easter and Jesus' resurrection. The children will also enjoy our annual Easter egg hunt that we will do outside on the playground separated by age groups.

Important Dates to Remember

April 7 - 13- Week of the Young Child

April 19- Good Friday, Center closes at noon

April 22- Easter Monday, Center closed

May 6 - 10- Child Care Provider Appreciation Week

May 13- Mother's Day Celebration

May 15- Last Day of M/W/F Pre kindergarten

Miss Lily

Lily Bowman

Director of Salem Little Saints Childcare

HOLY GOD, SOURCE OF
ALL LOVE, ON THE NIGHT
OF HIS BETRAYAL, JE-
SUS GAVE US A NEW
COMMANDMENT, TO
LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS
HE LOVES US. WRITE
THIS COMMANDMENT IN
OUR HEARTS, AND GIVE
US THE WILL TO SERVE
OTHERS AS HE WAS THE
SERVANT OF ALL, YOUR
SON, JESUS CHRIST,
OUR SAVIOR AND LORD,
WHO LIVES AND REIGNS
WITH YOU AND THE HO-
LY SPIRIT, ONE GOD,
NOW AND FOREVER.
AMEN.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

APRIL 18, 2019

Financial update

Month Ending February 28, 2019

Category	Feb Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income	\$21,606.82	\$45,919.45	\$44,473.00
Committee Exp	\$1,327.97	\$7,830.70*	\$4,610.00
Operating Exp	\$8,170.24	\$18,927.46	\$20,675.00
Payroll Exp	\$9,462.58	\$21,478.99	\$26,706.90
Net Income		-2,317.70*	-7,518.90

* Please note there is a correction that needs to be made in the amount of \$2,900 in the committee expenses. Committee expenses should be lower by \$2,900. We are still waiting on the over all effect, but it should make us a **positive \$582** for year to date actual. If you have any questions please contact a council member or a member of finance.

-- Matt Wilson, Finance

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

April 1

Nina Phalen
Neil Schilke

April 3

Jill Bittner

April 4

Scott Schaller
Aaron Schlieker

April 5

Austin Dye
Elaine Grothusen
Carolyn Rix
Craig Siems

April 6

Judy Brant

April 7

Shelly Hansen
Jill Phelps

April 8

Romana Hasek
William McDonald
Jayne Neal
Elena Wright

April 10

John Grothusen
Rosemary Hansen

April 11

Alan Reeh

April 12

Ryder Knapp

April 13

Danielle Crough
Phyllis Fisher
Kole Hendrickson
Leslie Tank
Sandra Terry

April 14

LeRoy Fredericksen
Kaylee Guhde

April 16

Helen Lannin

April 17

Norma Jeanne Keisler-
McGillick
Ted Schafersman

April 18

Max Berry
Payton Remington
Kristin Wavrin

April 20

Jacob Cook

April 21

Patricia Anderson
James Patterson

April 22

Olivia Depue

April 23

Drake Klein

April 24

Carole Panning

April 25

Holly Hendrickson
Jacob Johannesen
Kaylene Krueger
Kloey Wheelock

April 26

Ellie Morehouse
Carter Neubert
Travis Neubert
Ashley Schlieker

April 27

Nathan Siems
Shane Siems

April 28

Kathleen Ruether

April 29

Nicholas Novak

April 30

Zachery Berry

BIRTHDAYS

April 1

Darci Blakely
Diesel Menn

April 2

Brett Gana
Christopher Peters

April 3

John Walkenhorst

April 4

Elizabeth Miller

April 6

Zachery Berry
Keith Tank
Kadyn Wheelock

April 8

Marilyn Harms
Maverick Peterson
Kaylee Strohhenn
Domonic Tank
Derek Williamson

April 9

Alayna Depue
Emily Depue

April 10

Clete Yount
Mia Christ

April 11

Kerry Reker

April 13

Gretchen Johannesen
Marian Smidt

April 14

Daureen Holverson
Jamie McCoy

April 15

Keith Hansen
Jeremy Knapp
Carl Person
Ann Woerth

April 17

Diana Rhedin

April 18

Bruce Krueger

April 19

Garielle Esch

April 20

Karin Henkens
Arlene Reeh
Teresa Stamper
Betsy Wright

April 21

Lou Ann Leland
Ron Bolden

April 23

Cameron Dunn

April 24

Elaine Otteman
Joseph Palmer

April 25

Michael Phelps

April 26

Troy Berry
Melanie Guhde

April 27

Daniel Bittner

April 29

Mavis Lidberg

April 30

Alexander Berry
Gina Shaw





ALMIGHTY GOD, LOOK
WITH LOVING MERCY
ON YOUR FAMILY, FOR
WHOM OUR LORD JE-
SUS CHRIST WAS WILL-
ING TO BE BETRAYED,
TO BE GIVEN OVER TO
THE HANDS OF SIN-
NERS, AND TO SUFFER
DEATH ON THE CROSS;
WHO NOW LIVES AND
REIGNS WITH YOU AND
THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE
GOD, FOREVER AND
EVER.
AMEN.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
APRIL 19, 2019

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Clarence and Rosella Brei
April 5, 1953—66 years

Todd and Amanda Wheelock
April 12, 2008—11 years

Brad and Christine Johannesen
April 16, 1977—42 years

Tim and Shana Clapper
April 17, 1999—20 years

Dr. James and Carol Tremain
April 18, 1970—49 years

Matthew and Kathy Hoschiet
April 23, 1983—36 years

Steve and Gail Samson
April 23, 1977—42 years

Wayne and Norma Jeanne McGillick
April 27, 1996—23 years

Bob and Tammy Flittie
April 28, 2001—18 years

Nicholas and Kelsey Leland
April 30, 2016—3 year

*If we accidentally missed your
anniversary this month, please
let us know (402-721-6158)
so that we can correct/update
our computer records.*

Pastoral Acts in March

Funerals

Alyce J. Hartung
March 8, 2019



GRATITUDE

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Thank you to Bernitta Wheelock for the altar flowers from Sunday, March 24th. It is always nice to be remembered. Thank you to Cindy Sandeen for delivering them to me.

Verna Kimball

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Salem Family, I would like to thank everyone for your thoughts, concerns, and prayers while I've been laid up with my back issues. Hopefully the physical therapy will help me. I miss everyone at Salem. I will be looking forward to being back in Bell Choir, Sew-in, and Circle. A special thank you to Cindy Sandeen for the beautiful bouquet of flowers. That really brightened my day.

God Bless You All,
Bev Weitzenkamp

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To my Dear Friends at Salem, I would like to thank Bernitta Wheelock for the nice visit and the altar flowers. Thank you to all who have sent cards.

God Bless you all,
Janice Spes

Men's Bible Study: Book of Matthew—

Friday mornings at 7:00 a.m.
in the Common Ground Building/Annex

Bible Study: Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today"

Friday mornings at 11:30 a.m.
in the lounge

NEWS

Council Reports
are due by noon on
April 3, 2019

Newsletter articles
are due by
April 19, 2019

Life House Meal (formerly called *Care Corp Meal*) was served by Karen Henkens, Joyce Siems, and Janet Kletke in March. Residents enjoyed ham, green beans, salad, milk, juice, and cupcakes. Thanks to Helen Lannin, Wanda Kruger, Karen Henkens, and Janet Kletke for providing food. Dessert was supplied by The Table. Financial help was provided by Wanda Kruger, Ramona Hasek, and Judy Brant. Salem always provides the meal on the second Tuesday of each month. Please let Janet Kletke know if you would like to supply an item which can just be dropped off at Life House's front desk in the afternoon of our assigned day.

Salem Quilters would like to thank everyone who has contributed to our quilting group. We are again asking for material. Especially sheets and sheet blankets. Etc. Thank you.



O GOD, YOU GAVE
YOUR ONLY SON TO
SUFFER DEATH ON THE
CROSS FOR OUR RE-
DEMPTION, AND BY HIS
GLORIOUS RESURREC-
TION YOU DELIVERED
US FROM THE POWER
OF DEATH. MAKE US DIE
EVERY DAY TO SIN,
THAT WE MAY LIVE WITH
HIM FOREVER IN THE
JOY OF THE RESURREC-
TION, THROUGH YOUR
SON, JESUS CHRIST
OUR LORD, WHO LIVES
AND REIGNS WITH YOU
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT,
ONE GOD, NOW AND
FOREVER.
AMEN.



Lenten Schedule 2019

Lent Mid-Week Services

*Every Wednesday Evening
March 13th—April 10th
6:00 p.m.*

Service of Healing and Evening Prayer

*Sundays during the season of Lent.
March 17, 24, 31, and April 7 4:00 p.m.
Pray for your body, mind and spirit!
Salem Lutheran Church
All Are Welcome!*

Maundy Thursday Service

*Thursday, April 18, 2019 7:15 p.m.
Living Last Supper (Potluck) 6:15 p.m. at
Salem Lutheran Church*

Good Friday Joint Service

*Friday, March 19, 2019
7:15 p.m. at
St. Timothy's Lutheran Church
538 W. 16th St.
Fremont, NE*

Easter Vigil Community Worship

*Saturday, April 20, 2019
8:12 p.m. at
St. James Episcopal Church
301 E. 5th St.
Fremont, NE*

Easter Sunday

*Salem Lutheran Church
April 21, 2019
8:30 a.m.*

**Lenten Meals will be every Wednesday March 13-April 10 at 5:00 P.M.
Maundy Thursday, Living Last Supper (Potluck) will be served at 6:15 P.M.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY
APRIL 21, 2019

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday

8:00 a.m.—Noon
1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

Friday

8:00 a.m.—Noon
1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

WORSHIP

8:30 a.m.—Worship Service

Holy Communion on the
first, third and fifth Sundays
of the month

Fifth Sunday is a joint
service with St. Timothy
Lutheran Church
Sundays 9:00 a.m.

BROADCASTS

Radio: Big Dog 98.9 FM
KHUB-1340 AM

Cable: Spectrum
Channel 1304
Wednesdays
2:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Thursdays
12:00 pm & 6:00 pm

EDUCATION

9:45 a.m.—**Sundays**
Intergenerational
Education Time

7:00 a.m. **Fridays**
Men's Bible Study/CG

11:30 a.m. **Fridays**
Bible Study/CG

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Musicians

Projection

Sound

Video

Jeff Hoffman 402-721-6158

Children's Message

Communion Set Up

Readers

Barbara Anderson 402-727-4585

Greeters

TBD

Ushers

Don Godfrey 402-720-6491

Adult Choir

Rehearsals on Wednesday
at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Loft.
Please let Rosie Parde of Jeff Hoffman
know if you would like to sing!

Salem Feast for All

A lite dinner is provided for a free will offering
each Wednesday evening beginning at 5:30 p.m.
Please join us, and bring a friend!

Intergenerational Education

Sundays 9:45 a.m. following the worship
service. The format will be different this year.
All ages are welcome to come to the lounge
and learn about our faith together.

Piano and Organ Lessons

Piano and organ lessons are available from
our Coordinator of Worship and Music. Please
contact Jeff Hoffman for more information.

Email Updates

Please contact the church office if you have an
email address and are not receiving the weekly
email news. Especially this fall, there will be
many things to communicate, and this email
will help you stay up to date on the ministry
opportunities that are happening. Contact the
church office at 402-721-6158 or
email slutheran6386@msn.com

