

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

MARCH 2019

For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ~ 2 Corinthians 4:6-7

The Rite of Ordination

On Saturday March 30th, all members of Salem Lutheran will be invited to share in my Rite of Ordination into the Ministry of Word and Sacrament in the ELCA. This is a day and event I have been anticipating and imagining for 28 years. However, for many people, the meaning of the word ordination isn't exactly clear, and the ceremony is unfamiliar.

Ordination is the day on which I take my vows to serve the church and the moment when I officially become a Pastor. It is also the day on which the congregation(s) which have called me promise to encourage and support me in this calling. The central focus of the ceremony is the vows. Here are the vows we will make during the ceremony:

Before almighty God, to whom you must give account, and in the presence of this assembly, I ask:

Will you assume this office, believing that the church's call is God's call to the ministry of word and sacrament? I will, and I ask God to help me.

The church in which you are to be ordained confesses that the holy scriptures are the word of God and are the norm of its faith and life. We accept, teach, and confess the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds. We also acknowledge the Lutheran confessions as true witnesses and faithful expositions of the holy scriptures. Will you therefore preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures and these creeds and confessions? I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and faithful in your use of the means of grace? Will you pray for God's people, nourish them with the word and sacraments, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living? I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you give faithful witness in the world, that God's love may be known in all that you do? I will, and I ask God to help me.

And you, as the congregation, are also part of these vows: Will you, assembled as the people of God and speaking for the whole church, receive Shari Lynn Schwedhelm as a messenger of Jesus Christ, sent by God to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard her as a servant of Christ? We will, and we ask God to help us.

Will you pray for her, help and honor her for her work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ? We will, and we ask God to help us.

After ordination I am called Pastor and have the title Reverend. I am authorized to preside over communion in any setting including at other churches and may baptize people in other congregations if invited. I will also be recognized by the State of Nebraska as an officiant for weddings.



*Preaching and
Presiding in
March
Vicar Shari
Schwedhelm*

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HOLY GOD, MIGHTY
AND IMMORTAL, YOU
ARE BEYOND OUR
KNOWING, YET WE
SEE YOUR GLORY IN
THE FACE OF JESUS
CHRIST. TRANSFORM
US INTO THE
LIKENESS OF YOUR
SON, WHO RENEWED
OUR HUMANITY SO
THAT WE MAY SHARE
IN HIS DIVINITY, JESUS
CHRIST OUR LORD,
WHO LIVES AND
REIGNS WITH YOU AND
THE HOLY SPIRIT,
ONE GOD, NOW AND
FOREVER. **AMEN.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY
MARCH 3, 2019

During this service there is a special moment when my family places my stole on my shoulders. The stole symbolizes the yoke which I will carry in this role, one which they know and will carry with me. After ordination I will be allowed to wear stoles as part of my vestments during worship. I have several beautifully hand-quilted stoles which were given to me by my internship congregation, and my ordination stole was hand made by my mother-in-law.

Following the service my family and I will host a banquet dinner and reception to celebrate. This will be an opportunity to share a great meal together as we share in the great joy of this moment. I look forward to sharing more details about this celebration as they become available. Thank you for sharing this once-in-a-lifetime day with me.

To God be the Glory,

Vicar Shari Schwedhelm, M.Div.

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

VICAR'S MESSAGE

"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."

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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.



Vicar Shari Schwedhelm, M.Div.



ALMIGHTY AND EVER-
LIVING GOD, YOU HATE
NOTHING YOU HAVE
MADE, AND YOU
FORGIVE THE SINS OF
ALL WHO ARE PENITENT.
CREATE IN US NEW AND
HONEST HEARTS, SO
THAT, TRULY REPENTING
OF OUR SINS, WE MAY
RECEIVE FROM YOU, THE
GOD OF ALL MERCY,
FULL PARDON AND
FORGIVENESS 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.**

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Lent is the forty-day season (excluding Sundays) of penitence and preparation for the Three Days of Holy Week and Easter. The term "Lent" originally comes from the Anglo-Saxon word "lencten" which means "spring." This is the time, in the Northern Hemisphere, when the days are lengthening. The season began as period of fasting leading up to the Vigil of Easter. Catechumens, those preparing for baptism at Easter, would fast and spend days in intense preparation. For those that were already baptized, Lent was a period to be renewed in their faith by studying the Bible, the Creed and the Lord's Prayer.

The current practice of forty days of Lent recall Jesus' forty-day fast in the wilderness after his Baptism (Matthew 4:2, Luke 4:1-2) as well as Moses' forty-day fast on Mount Sinai (Exodus 34:28).

We will refrain from speaking or singing the word "alleluia" during Lent. "Burying" the alleluia occurs at the conclusion of worship on Transfiguration Sunday and it is restored at either the Vigil of Easter or Easter Sunday.

The music during the season of Lent will have a decidedly different feel than the rest of the church year. The purpose is to contrast with the joy of Easter and to prepare us to celebrate fully Christ's resurrection.

* The Opening Hymn will be Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery. The verses will vary each week and related closely to the Gospel reading appointed for the day.

* The Kyrie will be a South African freedom song celebrating God's mercy toward his people.

* There will be no Cantic of Praise, as more jubilant songs will be reserved for the Easter season.

* The Gospel Acclamation will be the same as last year, Glory to You, O Word of God.

* The Offertory will be Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow.

The music was selected by the Music Selection Committee from recommendations from myself as the Worship & Music Coordinator. If you have suggestions for music that would help to build up our worshipping community, please contact me and we will consider those suggestions at our next planning session.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
MARCH 6, 2019



O LORD GOD, YOU LED
YOUR PEOPLE THROUGH
THE WILDERNESS AND
BROUGHT THEM TO THE
PROMISED LAND. GUIDE
US NOW, SO THAT, FOL-
LOWING YOUR SON, WE
MAY WALK SAFELY
THROUGH THE WILDER-
NESS OF THIS WORLD
TOWARD THE LIFE YOU
ALONE CAN GIVE,
THROUGH 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
MARCH 10, 2019

This confessional prayer may be helpful to you during this season:

God at the margins, we have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows. Amen.

Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day, forgiving your sins for the sake of ☐ Christ, leading you from death into life. Amen.

May your whole life sing!

Jeff Hoffman



Lily Bowman
Director of Salem Little Saints Childcare

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

March 2
Rodney Hespen

March 3
Scott Siems
Delilah Morris

March 6
Jean Nick

March 7
Terry McClain
Alberta Sick

March 8
James Carlson

March 10
Helene Svitak

March 11
Angie Foster

March 12
Sheryl Kuhr

March 15
Dick Kentopp

March 18
Peggy Hansen

March 19
Jason Snodgrass
Jon Tank

March 20
Matthew Rix

March 21
Debra Baker
Barb Fear
Donald H. Tank

March 23
Charles Anderson
Gentry Gaughen
Christina Knapp
Shane Knapp
Jeremy Knapp
Lynn Miller
Ernest Nick

March 24
Joel Schuett
Melanie Guhde

March 26
Ann Carlson
Dennis Chapman
Sandra Knudsen

March 27
Mary Lou Olsen

March 29
Orville Carlson
Judy Dutton
Mark McClain
Todd Wheelock

March 31
Leo Drews
Christian Green
Mary Green
Paul Harms
Ruth Miller



BIRTHDAYS

March 1
Rebecca Baker
Kendra Remington
Julie Dowd

March 2
Barbara Fanning
Ryker Dunn

March 4
Matthew Rix

March 5
Donald Durand
Jason Snodgrass

March 6
Wallace Wolfe
Shelby Peck

March 7
Tim Clapper
Dennis Remington

March 8
Kloey Dau
Norma Jeanne Keisler-
McGillick
Scott Schaller

March 9
Margaret Henry
Tom Stamper

March 10
Izik Tant

March 11
Gary Carlson
Jennifer Vogt
Ashlee Peterson
Bill Reese

March 13
Mildred Koopman
Twila Schlieker
Kevin Yount

March 14
Jordyn Carpenter
Danielle Neubert

March 15
Shirley Severa
Barbara Brimmerman
Tyler Messerschmidt

March 16
Carole Panning

March 17
Robert Olsen
Jay Olson

March 19
Elizabeth Flittie
Autumn Knapp
Savannah Knapp

March 20
Sarenatie Porter
Bonnie Rathke

March 21
Ricky Morrison

March 22
Ernest Nick
Mark Rix

March 23
Dennis Leland
Barbara Fear
Maximillian Berry

March 25
Barry Wilson
Michael Vogt

March 26
Haylee Miller
Michael Wilson
Conner Yount

March 27
Gail Manzel

March 28
Donley Ruether
Jill Walkenhorst

March 29
David Depue
Jeanette Stinemates

March 30
Ridley Peck
Jayvier Dunn

March 31
Lois Buchardt
Bonnie Schilke
Micah Toft



ETERNAL GOD, YOUR
KINGDOM HAS BROKEN
INTO OUR TROUBLED
WORLD THROUGH THE
LIFE, DEATH, AND RES-
URRECTION OF YOUR
SON. HELP US TO HEAR
YOUR WORD AND OBEY
IT, AND BRING YOUR
SAVING LOVE TO FRU-
TION IN OUR LIVES,
THROUGH 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
MARCH 24, 2019

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Fred and Jeanette Stinemates
March 2, 1968—51 years

Troy and Deann Berry
March 4, 2000—19 years

Leroy and Mavis Lidberg
March 10, 1956-63 years

Jeff and Lexi Sindelar
March 21, 2015—4 years

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

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

*Daylight
Saving Time
Spring Forward
Sunday
March 10th at
2:00 A.M.*

GRATITUDE

I would like to thank all the ladies in Ruth Circle for honoring me in the radio broadcast on Sunday, February 3rd. I feel very grateful to have a job that I enjoy very much. Thank you and may God bless you all.

Verna Kimball

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A big thank you to the ladies who served lunch following my son Jerry Reynold's recent funeral. It is a big job which we appreciate. More thanks to those who sent cards and donations. Keene Library plans to set up a special area to display books and classical music purchased in his memory with a plaque honoring him. To Vicar Shari, the sermon you gave meant a lot to us. You did a lot of research. You captured his personality, intellect and kindness. It is heartwarming during this difficult time to read your words again and again. A simple thank you does not seem enough.

Marge Johnson

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A big thank you to Joanne Miller for the pretty flowers on February 3rd and to Bernitta Wheelock who delivered them and the Valentine. It's always nice for her visits and nice to be remembered.

Jean Kinport

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**March 31st
Service will be at
St. Timothy's
Lutheran Church
538 W. 16th St.
at 9:00 a.m.**

NEWS

Council Reports
are due by noon on
February 6th.

Newsletter articles
are due by
February 15th.

Life House Meal (formerly called *Care Corp Meal*) in February was served by the Salem Daycare Board. Janet Kletke is looking for volunteers to donate financial support, green beans, salads, milk, and juice for the March 12 meal.

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.

Salem Soap Project—24 more pounds of soap was added to Salem's soap project in February. Our collection is now at 403 bars of soap which is 25.6% of our November goal. February 17 was a snowy day, but Salem members are mighty, strong, and caring.

Shrove Tuesday—The youth are putting on a **Pancake Feed** on Shrove Tuesday, **March 5th** from 5-7. The proceeds will go toward the youth mission trips to Chicago and Urban Plunge. Please come support the youth and let us do the cooking for you.



GOD OF COMPASSION,
YOU WELCOME THE
WAYWARD, AND YOU
EMBRACE US ALL WITH
YOUR MERCY. BY OUR
BAPTISM CLOTHE US
WITH GARMENTS OF
YOUR GRACE, AND FEED
US AT THE TABLE OF
YOUR LOVE, THROUGH
JESUS CHRIST, OUR
SAVIOR AND LORD,
WHO LIVES AND REIGNS
WITH YOU AND THE HO-
LY SPIRIT, ONE GOD,
NOW AND FOREVER.
AMEN.



Lenten Schedule 2019

Shrove Tuesday
Youth Pancake Feed
March 5, 2019
5:00 — 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Ash Wednesday Service
March 6, 2019
7:15 p.m.

Lent Mid-Week Services
Every Wednesday Evening
March 13th—April 10th
6:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Service
Thursday, April 18, 2019
7:15 p.m.

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 at 5:00 P.M.
March 6th—April 10th

PRAYER OF THE DAY
MARCH 31, 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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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
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