



SALEM CHIMES

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Coming in May -

5/12 Salem Clean Up Day
5/19 New Member Class

Dear Friends,

I assume when I meet people I am going to like them. In almost every case this proves to be so. Recently I spent time with someone new. For some reason we did not click but I did not know why. It took me a day to realize it and another day to start looking at the reason—I really wanted to like her. By the third day I started picking up on the phrase or look that bothered me.

I kept to myself when possible. I had chosen inspirational reading for Lent and enjoyed my solitude and received some peace and spiritual insight. And I prayed. I talked to God about this situation, but God did not answer back. So I kept trying to figure it out on my own. I decided that she had qualities and mannerisms like someone else who challenged me several years ago.

One afternoon this person was reading a book by a particular author. She said it was a good book and I should read it. I told her, as I have shared with you, I used to read that author and that particular series and I enjoyed them immensely—boy howdy did I enjoy them. One day God hit me up the side of my head with the divine 2X4 and revealed to me that whenever I read these books I was less lady-like, less pastor-like, less child of God-like. I went home and packed those books away and put them in my storage unit where they sit until God tells me what to do with them. This person thought that was the silliest thing she ever heard. I shrugged my shoulders and went on with my own reading.

When I returned home, dear Dee sent me an email welcoming me back. I sent back that it was good to be home at Salem. I had a sense of peace and serenity once more.

And that night God finally spoke to me! This person did not remind me of someone else. She was the mirror to my soul. The person she reminded me of is the person I was before I came to Salem where you minister to me and help me grow as a child of God.

Peace,

Pastor Bonnie
Stated Supply Pastor



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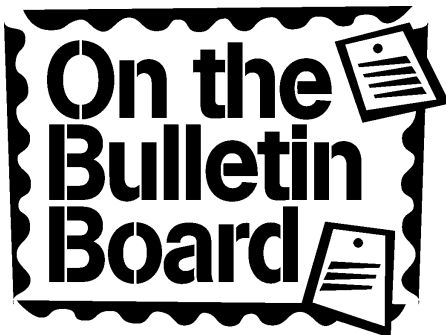


Salem Stained Glass
Centennial
1912 - 2012



Birthdays
This Month

- 4/5 David Mundt
- 4/8 Ed Hightshue
- 4/20 Ralph Oberlander
- 4/21 Sherman King
- 4/21 Timm Parker



Check the wall outside the offices for great opportunities to share your time, talents and tithes in ministry. Listed this week are news of a German language Good Friday service in Indianapolis and the invitation to an exhibit of the Art of the Passion. A Stations of The Cross featuring 14 different artists that can be viewed during Holy Week at St. Paul's Lutheran in Frankfort.

Deadline for the MAY CHIMES newsletter is April 24.
Send your material to salemELCA.com or drop it by the church office.

Happy Anniversary!

April 3 - Ed & Madge Hightshue

(pictured right)

April 7 - Reuben & Anita Gooderum

April 20 - Dave & Trish Gooderum



Salem Holy Week Schedule

April 1 through April 8

PALM SUNDAY

Worship at 10:30 a.m. (see page 6)
Brunch follows:

Join us for fresh fruit, breads and breakfast casseroles. This year we plan some special dishes for those dealing with special diets.



MAUNDY THURSDAY

Worship at 7:30 p.m. (see page 6)

GOOD FRIDAY

The Seven Last Words from 12 to 3:00 p.m. (see page 7)
Shared Evening Service at 7:30 p.m. (see page 7)



EASTER SATURDAY

Easter Egg Hunt in Salem Park at 1:00 p.m.
(see page 10)

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Easter Worship at 10:30 a.m. (see page 7)

*Check the weekly bulletin and emails
for any schedule changes.*



*During our fast approaching Holy Week I wish
that each of you finds God just a little bit closer
to your heart.*

*Peace & Grace,
Keith
Salem President*

Lenten Wholeness, Lenten Wellness

Pastor Bonnie expanded our outreach to much more than offering Soup, Bread and worship for Salem and our neighbors. Lee Kolumbus also invited a colorful clown to bring a smile to the young and old with her face painting. We averaged close to 30 people every Tuesday. And many took advantage of the free health screenings each week. Many of us now know our blood glucose and cholesterol numbers, our BMI, or our risk from depression.

A big THANK YOU to Pastor Bonnie, Susan Kunze and all who helped with food, set-up, clean-up, worship, and with making our many visitors feel welcome.

Clockwise from bottom right:

Lenten Worship in-the-round on March 20.
 Kittycat Sara Jacobs ready to lap up a bowl of soup.
 Little Ana gets a pony painted on her face.
 Artists at work. Devoe measures in for his BMI.
 Sara Jacobs signs in people for their blood test.
 Lee Kolumbus dresses up for Salem Soup Night.



Top photo: Keith Kunze leads Lenten Worship on February 28.

Row 2: Tomato bisque, spinach tortellini, and chicken noodle from March 13.

Row 3: Rich and Galina Sceniak meet the Fuller family during the March 6 Soup Supper.

Bottom Row: Anna Dorner and Timm Parker serve up the soup on February 28.

And warm and delicious pineapple upside-down cake was tempting on March 13.



Worship & Music Ministry

Holy Week



The opening strains of *All Glory, Laud and Honor* signal the **Palm Sunday** procession (10:30 a.m.) and the beginning of Holy Week. As we follow the Processional Cross up and down the aisles, we wave our palm branches, mirroring the people of Jerusalem who welcomed Jesus with open arms that day.

ECO PALMS ~ Did you know that Americans purchase \$4.5 million worth of palms each year for Palm Sunday? In traditional trade channels, very little of that money reaches the palm harvesters and their communities. This year we are purchasing Eco-Palms through Lutheran World Relief. This simple purchase is a response to God call for justice—the harvesters were paid fairly for them—and stewardship of God’s creation that helps protect important forests and sustainable livelihoods in the harvesting communities.



The heart of the **Maundy Thursday** liturgy (7:30 p.m.) is Jesus’ commandment to love one another. In the example of Jesus washing the feet of the disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humble care for one another, especially the poor and unloved.



While Salem appears to be a neighborhood church, we are called to minister to the community. In an age where the secular world no longer honors sacredness of **Good Friday**, Salem is called to minister to the needs of the larger community. One way we do this is to have our door open on Good Friday for those who seek, even for a short time, a place to be with God on this most sacred of days.

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The SEVEN LAST WORDS service (12:00-3:00) is an ecumenical service to include the entire Pike community. The meditations focus on each phrase Jesus spoke while hanging on the cross, followed by a time of personal contemplation. Clergy will lead each meditation:



Noon	Invocation	
12:05	First Word	Luke 23:34
12:30	Second Word	Luke 23:43
12:55	Third Word	John 19:26
1:20	Fourth Word	Mark 15:34
1:45	Fifth Word	John 19:28
2:10	Sixth Word	John 19:30
2:35	Seventh Word	Luke 23:46
2:55	Benediction	

At the SHARED EVENING SERVICE (7:30 p.m.) we shall host our sisters and brothers from Pleasant View Lutheran Church. The name “Good Friday” reminds us that the Church gathers not to mourn this day but to celebrate Christ’s life-giving passion and to find strength and hope in the tree of life. Pastor Mel will be preaching the sermon.



The **Easter** service (10:30 a.m.) is our Passover with Christ from darkness to light, from bondage to freedom, from death to life. Our hearts burn within us as the resurrection is proclaimed in our midst and as Jesus appears to us at the holy table. The Easter greeting and response, “Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!” is more than the Easter Call to Worship. It is the first and shortest Creed of our faith. The Sunday Worship is the culmination of our entire salvation history.



WORSHIP MINISTRY CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

A Second Service Signs of a Growing Church!

Reflecting on the success of the mid-week Lenten services, the Worship and Music Ministry Team realized that there is an opportunity for new ministry by offering an evening Worship Service. W&M feels that the time is at hand to enter into this ministry. Beginning in May, Salem will have an evening service once a week!

This new service is not meant to replace Sunday worship, but, rather, to add to your worship of God. And if you find yourself unable able to be here on Sunday, you will have the opportunity to still worship that week. While we do not know exactly how the worship will be structured, we do know it will be a more casual and relaxed service.

The vision of this new ministry is still unfolding. In talking with our new folks about which day and time, more ministry opportunities are coming to light: children's choirs, Bible Study, children's "Sunday" School, important fellowship time. Other ministry teams will need to be involved. Needless to say, this is a work in progress, but there is no doubt that this is God's work. During the summer we shall continue to brainstorm and develop plans to incorporate the various components of this exciting new ministry. This is also the time for you to add your input to the input of our new folks so we can move seamlessly into the fall. Right now the day of the week and the time are still undecided. You will just have to stay tuned.

New Bulletin Style

In evangelism, "Welcoming the Stranger" refers to making people feel comfortable with worship the first time they walk in the door. As we grow, this is important to everyone we welcome. The inclusive service booklets used during the special anniversary services is an example of welcoming the stranger. These service booklets are also an invaluable tool for individuals who find it difficult to handle more than one book during worship.

For the next year, we shall try these inclusive worship booklets. We shall be experimenting with these so not every bulletin will be exactly the same. We have our beautiful new ELW hymnals which you so generously purchased and we do not want them to grow dusty. Some Sundays the hymns will be published and some Sundays we may use the hymnal. This is a learning

WORSHIP MINISTRY CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

experience for everyone. Hang in there with us as we learn how to use this new program and let us know when we try something you like. At the end of the twelve months, W&M will evaluate the pros and cons to decide whether to continue with this format or not.

Children's Music

Look forward to hearing children singing and being a special part of worship in the near future. Currently Rhunell is working with the children following the Sunday Worship service. As our new ministries evolve, so will the children and youth music programs. Another sign of a growing church!



Christian Education Ministry

Sunday School

The book of Psalms forms one of the greatest collections of prayers ever written. The Psalms express a wide range of human emotions: joy excitement, compassion, love, anger, grief and depression. Do you ever think: I'm okay, I'm not okay, I'm okay again. No matter what you are feeling, God wants to hear about it in your prayers.

Dixie Richardson is leading a series of lessons on the Psalms: an overview and some specific Psalms (Which are your favorites?). Come and explore during the 9:00 a.m. hour (the coffee's always on). The class runs April 15 to May 20 in the fellowship hall.

Right: Our March study of Lenten Disciplines in the Fellowship Hall.



Evangelism Ministry

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Evangelism abounds with many opportunities this month! Easter Sunday is a typical Sunday for church members to invite people to church. Our Palm Sunday Worship followed by brunch is typically a time we invite friends and neighbors to Salem. Use these two Sundays, as well as the other Holy Week services, as an opportunity to invite friends to our Salem family. Even if your friend does not come with you, perhaps your words will encourage your friend to find some other church home. You never know when God will move someone's heart.

How else can you evangelize? **Invitation, invitation, invitation!** Thanks to Devoe, Salem has one of the best websites in Indianapolis. When you talk about all of the exciting and fun opportunities for worshipping God and fellowship with our Salem family, invite your listener to visit our Salem website at www.salemelca.com. Carry some Salem business cards with you. You can hand one out as a visual reminder that has our website address on it.

Lee Kolumbus is a one woman evangelism tornado! Each week she invites someone specific to whatever fellowship opportunity the Salem week presents. When was the last time you invited someone to come to Salem and arranged to bring them?

Easter Egg Hunt April 7, 1:00 pm



Put on your Easter bonnet with all the frills upon it and join us in Salem Park for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Bring you your children, grandchildren, your young friends and family to enjoy the fun and games in the fellowship hall and egg hunting in our park. Be sure to bring a basket for each child.

We are inviting you to help with this evangelizing ministry by donating plastic eggs and the treats to go inside them. Many of our children have severe food allergies to sugar and food coloring so we need to go healthy. This year we are going to stuff the eggs with Christian or Easter stickers, chocolate-covered dried fruit. Please drop off these items in the box in the narthex or the office no later than Palm Sunday.

EVANGELISM MINISTRY CONTINUED ON NEXT

The Easter Bunny's favorite helper, Sara Jacobs, and her friends at Park Regency are going to fill the eggs again this year. Last year we had 30 children participating.



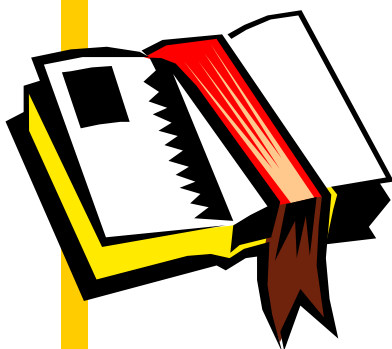
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New Members Class

We have spent the Season of Lent assimilating our new folks into our Salem family. Now it is time to prepare them for actual membership into our Salem family. Mark your calendars! Saturday, **May 19th**, is New Member Class afternoon. This afternoon event will cover Lutheran basics, life and worship at Salem, what church membership means and the responsibility church membership means. This New Member Class will also explain these topics to the new children as well. The afternoon will close with worship as a transition to the Game Night fellowship. While this class is for the benefit of new members, but if you feel you are a bit rusty on the finer points of being Lutheran and church membership, this is the afternoon for you.

Back on the Mower

It even smelled like summer on Tuesday (March 20) with the fragrance of fresh mown grass. Jeff Barraclough made the first cut of the season in Salem Park. Thank you to Burt Hall and all who helped make the repairs to our riding lawnmower.



Noon Bible Study Returns

Mondays: April 16 and 30

Pastor Mel Schroeder will again lead a bible study at 12:00 noon, usually on two Mondays each month. Keep watching the Salem CHIMES newsletter and email updates for the latest schedule. Bring a sack lunch to the Fellowship Hall and share in the discussion of the scripture.



Thank You

Dee Warriner forwarded greetings from grandson Jake Lewis with his thanks for our thoughts, prayers and Valentine's care package. Jake is stationed near the Afghan-Pakistani border.

Salem Game Night

April 21 at 5:30 p.m.

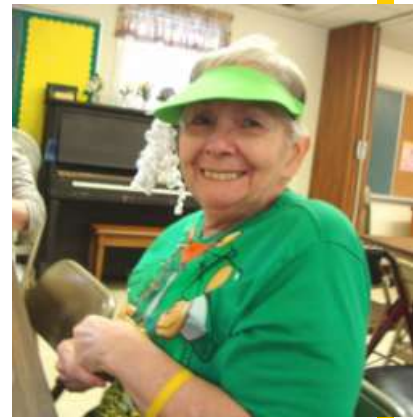
We enjoyed the food, fun and shenanigans of Salem Game Night on Saint Patrick's Day. Pastor Bonnie simmered the corned beef and cabbage and others brought green Jell-O and pistachio pudding. There were many strikes and spares during the Wii bowling competition and others tried their luck at a "yahtzee" like dice game. Bring a snack or dish to share on April 21, or just bring yourself and join the fun. We get together the third Saturday each month.

Right Column: Harry Bowden's table chows down; Sara Jacobs wearin' the green; Lee Kolumbus sports her orange pigtails; Happy Bowlers: Richard Budach, Tom Alexander, Sara Jacobs and Jan Budach.

Lower Left: Our St. Patrick's Day Feast.

Below: Pastor Bonnie tallies her score as Lee Kolumbus and Bel Hedlund wait their turn.

Photographer: Devoe



Barbara Agresti was the leader for Salem's Sunday morning series on the seasonal hymns of Epiphany. We studied the authors and how they captured the message of the season of "light."

Barbara was inspired to author these lyrics:

The light has shone from heaven above,
To bring us God's almighty love.
He sent his Son so pure and brave
To teach us not to misbehave.
He gave us grace and mercy mild
As we grow in faith through ev'ry trial.
God's patient guidance won't relent.
We learn from ev'ry incident.
He leads us from all fear and care
And takes our burdens, us to spare.
His love he shares through thick and thin,
Because his Spirit lives within,

How vast the sky with one bright star
As wisemen traveled from afar.
How great the care from this Divine
And endless over space and time.
Through all our days must we but share
his love and truth with more to spare.
The gifts we're given give us purpose,
Gathering others nearer to us.
So for all my life I pray,
Fond remembrance of Christ's Birthday.
May I always joyful be,
Of the Christ that leadeth me.

Is anyone inspired to help with a tune?



APRIL 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Laura Morgan	2 Susan Grymonpre	3 Madge Hightshue	4 Alax Mundt	5 David Mundt	6 Sara Jacobs	7 Charles Rader
8 Ed Hightshue	9 David Cunningham	10 Don Fisher	11 Stacey Parker	12 Timm Parker	13 Travis Parker	14 Zach Parker
15 Erin Emminger	16 Rick Parker	17 Jake Lewis	18 Dee Warriner	19 Cynthia Haverstick	20 Ralph Oberlander	21 Sherman King
22 David McGillen and Mary	23 Xavier Guarneros	24 Elijah Alamilla	25 Charlie Cole	26 Skylar Lambert and unborn child	27 Xander Linderwell	28 Bart Richardson
29 Wendi Allgood	30 Ruthie Marner					

EASTER LILIES FOR THE CHANCEL

Add to the beauty of the Easter Service by placing a lily or 2, or 3 in the Chancel. Please place your order no later than Thursday, March 29. Complete the form and put it in the offering plate, give it to any usher, or send to the church office. Please enclose payment with your order. COST - \$11.00 each.

I wish to place _____ lilies in the Chancel in memory of / in honor of (circle one)

Presented by _____

(Please fill in blanks with names and wording to be used in the Easter bulletin. Checks should be made out to SALEM and marked "lilies.")

___ I will pick up my lily after the service.

___ Leave for church use.

SALEM APRIL 2012

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<p>PASSION SUNDAY</p> <p>10:30 Worship Brunch in the Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>2 Holy Week</p>	<p>3 Holy Week</p>	<p>4 Holy Week</p>	<p>MAUNDY THURS.</p> <p>7:30 p.m. WORSHIP in the Sanctuary</p>	<p>GOOD FRIDAY</p> <p>12:00 to 3:00 p.m. Seven Last Words in the Sanctuary. 7:30 p.m. WORSHIP in the Sanctuary.</p>	<p>VIGIL OF EASTER</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt in Salem Park</p>
<p>8 Resurrection of Our Lord - EASTER</p> <p>10:30 Worship</p>	<p>9 Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian, died 1945</p>	<p>10 Milkael Agricola, Bishop of Turku, died 1557</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 6:30 p.m. COUNCIL MEETING in conference room.</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 9:00 Sunday School in Fellowship Hall</p> <p>10:30 Worship</p>	<p>16 Noon Bible Study in Fellowship Hall—bring a sack lunch</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 Olavus Petri died 1552 Laurentius Petri died 1573 - renewers of the church</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 5:30 p.m. SALEM GAME NIGHT Games begins at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall Anselm, Bishop of Canterbury, died 1109</p>
<p>22 Earth Day</p> <p>9:00 Sunday School in Fellowship Hall</p> <p>10:30 Worship</p>	<p>23 Toyohiko Kagawa died 1960, renewer of society</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Mark, Evangelist</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 9:00 Sunday School in Fellowship Hall</p> <p>10:30 Worship & Hymn Sing</p> <p>Catherine of Siena, theologian, died 1380</p>	<p>30 Noon Bible Study in Fellowship Hall—bring a sack lunch</p>					

April 2012

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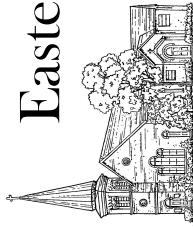
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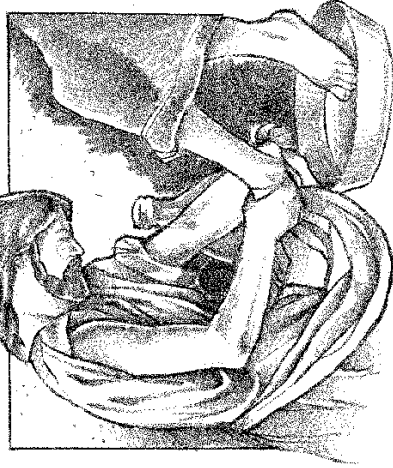
Holy Week 2012



Easter Sunday
10:30 a.m.
April 8

The Resurrection of Our Lord
Worship and Holy Communion

MAUNDY THURSDAY



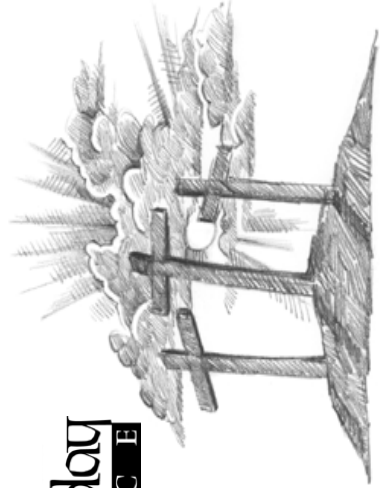
April 5

7:30 p.m.

EVENING SERVICE

In the heart of this liturgy is Jesus' commandment to love one another. In the example of Jesus washing the feet of the disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially the poor and unloved.

Good Friday SERVICES



April 6

12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.

THE LAST SEVEN WORDS

Please enter the Salem sanctuary for as long as your schedule allows and reflect on the last words of Christ. Experience the scriptures and meditations as candles are extinguished, marking events leading to his death on the cross.

7:30 p.m.

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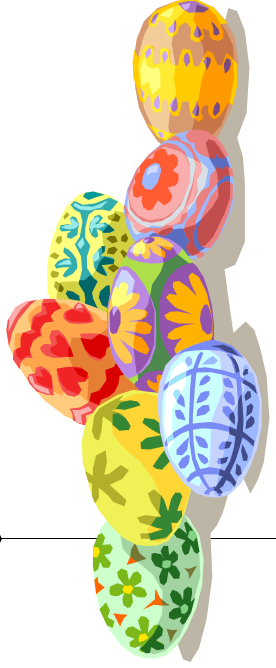
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Celebrate EASTER with SALEM



EASTER EGG HUNT!

Your neighbors at SALEM LUTHERAN invite you to bring a basket and join the hunt for wonderful goodies. (ages 1 to 13)

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

Join us at 1:00 p.m. behind the church on Pollard Street between 72nd and 73rd Streets in New Augusta. Fun and games follow in our Fellowship Hall.

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Please join us for any or all of our Holy Week events. Call, write or visit with any questions about Salem or our calendar.