



Salem Chimes



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Dear Friends,

Over the past two months we have been focusing on epiphanies—those Aha! moments when we come to recognize the Son of God in our midst. Throughout the Christmas and Epiphany Seasons we have talked of the other epiphanies that we realized.

Mary received the first epiphany when the angel Gabriel announced to her that she was chosen to be the mother of the Savior. She was followed by her cousin Elizabeth who recognized the child Mary was carrying to be the Savior. Joseph had his epiphany in the form of a dream when the angel assured him that Mary was to be the Mother of God-made-flesh. The shepherds watching over their flock, the wise men who saw the star, and, yes, even Herod, who chose to turn his back on the epiphany he received. The list goes on and on. Hopefully, during the Season of Epiphany, each of you has had an epiphany of how Jesus the Savior impacted your life.

Now we are entering the Season of Lent, a solemn time of year that asks us to focus on repentance. Reading from the 2011 *Sunday and Season* regarding Lent, I was struck by a paragraph regarding the atheistic society which seems to pervade so much of our modern world. The quote reads:

“We ought to consider that in our own religion, 'what presents itself as an altruistic virtue may be, in terms and motive and function, only and egotistic vice dressed up in its Sunday-go-to-meetin' clothes.'”

Sundays and Seasons, p.109

Can our own religion become an egotistical vice? Something that we take for granted so we can go to church on Sundays and act as we wish the rest of the time?

This struck me profoundly because one of the joys of my Lutheran faith is Martin Luther's Theology of Grace. As Lutherans, we bask in the joy that we know, “For by grace you have been saved through faith and that not of yourselves, it is a gift of God” (Ephesians 2:7 NASB). How easy that makes it for us!

So if it is a free gift from God, why does the Church call us to a time of repentance? Lent is a time to begin with our own profound sin and mortality and takes us all the way to the cross—the place where we crucified the Son of God.

Have we been saved by that death on the cross? YES! Should we still offer repentance? YES! And should we use Lent as a time to offer our contrition and repentance? YES!

I invite each of us to use this Season of Lent as an opportunity for true repentance and renewal of gratitude for the gift of salvation from God through Jesus the Christ.

Peace,

Pastor Bonnie

Sunday Supply Pastor

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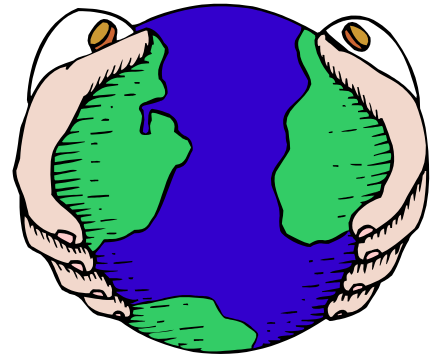
Birthdays
This Month

Stacey Parker 3/3
Laura Morgan 3/11
Ismay Broomes 3/17
Alex Vance 3/18
Lee Kolumbus 3/25

LENTEN FOCUS ON SALEM'S MISSION

Salem is offering weekly evening Lenten services starting Thursday, March 17 and continuing through April 14. Soup will be offered at **6:00**. in the Fellowship Hall. Then at **6:30**, Pastor Bonnie will lead a study of the major points of the Salem Mission Statement. In light of our 175th Anniversary, this will be an opportunity for us to remind ourselves what Salem is all about. And at **7:00** we will meet in the conference room for a mid-week worship service.

Join us every **Thursday** for good food, discussion and worship.



Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church Mission Statement

Created by God to make Christ known, and filled with the Holy Spirit, Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church shall be a ministry of Jesus that, through word and sacrament:

- † Strengthens and energizes individuals and families in the Christian faith;
 - † Contributes to the growth of fellowship;
- † Equips and affirms individuals in their acts of ministry;
 - † Encourages freedom of expression;
- † Encourages all members to participate in the tasks of common life; and
- † Is dedicated to bringing the strength of individual and collective Christian commitment to community involvement.

And the survey says.....?

Greetings and may blessings abound,

At last, March has arrived, and Spring is only three weeks away. Speaking of Spring, March 20th is the date the Salem Survey is due. If you have not received your survey, please contact the church office and we will be most happy to send you one.

As I mentioned at our annual meeting, Salem Lutheran Church is in a much different place today than we were one year ago. Therefore, it is very important for your church council and Pastors to know what is on your mind. We know that a survey alone will not answer all concerns, resolve all problems, nor will it necessarily give us a true time-line into the future. I believe it will, however, give us factual and objective information that we would not necessarily otherwise have. From this survey, your church council can “take the temperature of our church” and perhaps, develop a road map for the near future. So, I encourage each of you to be forthright with your answers. Your responses will be kept *strictly confidential.*

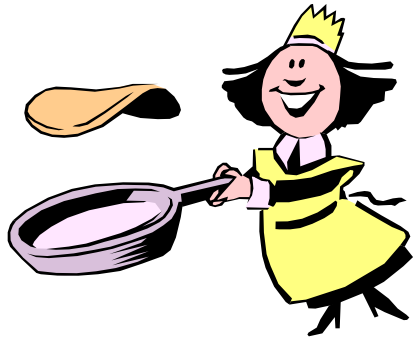
Ms. Connie Alexander designed the survey and has graciously offered her time to analyze the results. I am hopeful that we will be able to share the findings of the survey with the entire congregation during April.

If you have issues concerning this survey that need my attention please contact me directly. The time that you spend completing this survey will not be wasted, all voices will be heard and no one individual will be more or less important than another.

Connie, thank you so much for your expertise, and thanks to all of you for your continued commitment to Salem Lutheran Church. May God bless!

Peace and Grace be with you,

Keith



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Feast

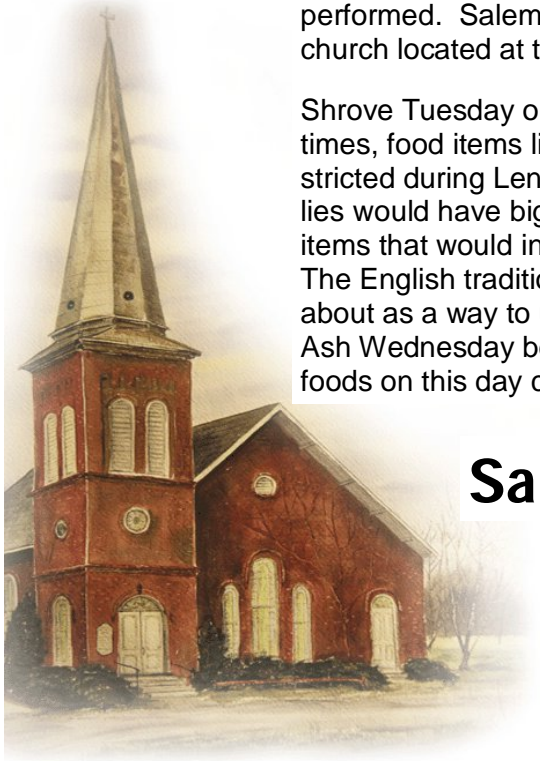
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm March 8

FREE (donations accepted)

Join Salem Lutheran as we kick-off a year-long celebration of 175 years of "Faith, Hope and Love!"

You're invited to a centuries-old tradition with menu items from Salem's German heritage. A free feast of pancakes, sausage and unique traditional food including "scrapple." Known as salon music, a sample of home entertainment from the earliest days of our congregation will be performed. Salem's founders began meeting in 1836 with the first church located at the current Salem cemetery at 62nd St. & Guion Rd.

Shrove Tuesday originated during the Middle Ages. As in contemporary times, food items like meats, fats, eggs, and milk were regarded as restricted during Lent. To keep such food from being wasted, many families would have big feasts on Shrove Tuesday in order to consume those items that would inevitably become spoiled during the next forty days. The English tradition of eating pancakes on Shrove Tuesday came about as a way to use as much milk, fats, and eggs as possible before Ash Wednesday began. In France, the consumption of all fats and fatty foods on this day coined the name "Fat Tuesday" or *Mardi Gras*.



Salem Lutheran Church

Celebrating

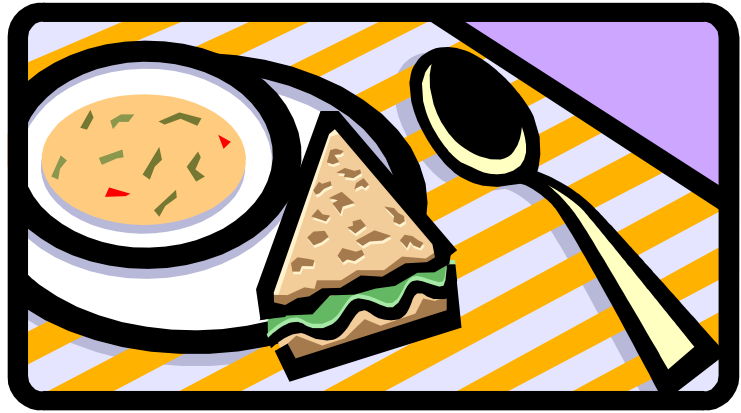
**175 Years
1836 - 2011**

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SOUP SUPPERS

Thursdays
at 6:00 pm



Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday nights during Lent for our annual SOUP SUPPERS. Serving begins at 6:00 pm on March 17, 24, 31 and April 7 and 14. A variety of soups are planned including a meat-free choice each week. See Susan Kunze to sign up to help with the food or clean-up.



NOTE FROM THE USHERS

With new visitors and guests attending our worship services, we want to present our facility at its best. Please be kind to straighten and clean out your pew area after each Sunday service (pick up old bulletins and kleenex, and straighten the books, pencils and envelopes). Thank you for your participation.

“LIKE” SALEM ON FACEBOOK

Check out the photo galleries on the Salem175 facebook page. See dozens of images past and present. Mark Andrews sent greetings on our wall.



Check out the **VIA DE CRISTO WEEKENDS** information boards located in the back of the sanctuary and outside the church office.

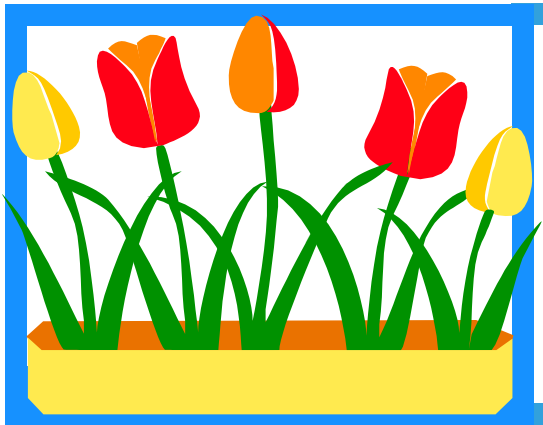


VIA DE CRISTO WEEKENDS

**Heard a lot about VDC weekends?
Thinking you'd like to attend?
Check out these spring dates:**

Men	3/3 - 3/6
Women	3/10 - 3/13
Co-Ed	3/31 - 4/3

www.INKYVDC.org will give you more information. Feel free to contact Sean and Julie Rice about attending. They would be blessed to sponsor you. Home phone: 973-5064 or Sn3JS@aol.com.

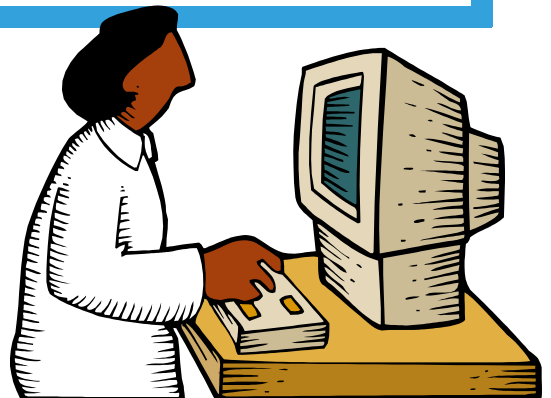


ALTAR FLOWERS

If you wish to sponsor and/or place fresh flowers on the altar this year, please call or email the church office with your wishes. There was no flower chart purchased for 2011 due to inactivity in recent years.

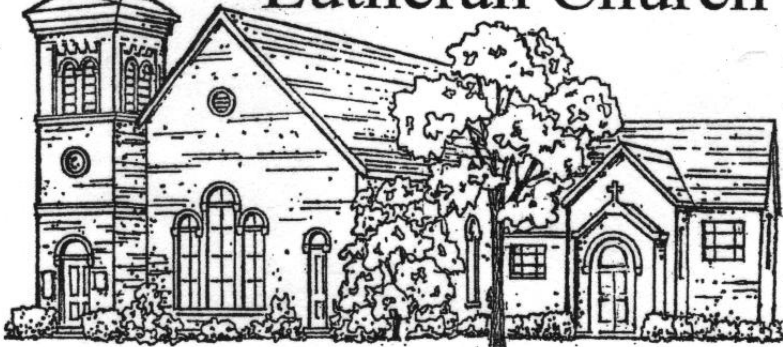
THANK YOU ALTER!

Alter Collins resigned her position effective February 15. She has served Salem as our church secretary and newsletter editor for the past three years. We wish her God's blessings.



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175 Years
1836-2011

Special thanks to Burt Hall for creating our anniversary artwork. Look for the opportunity in coming weeks to order Salem anniversary plates and mugs. More events are being planned for June, August and an October birthday party. Let Devoe Slisher know if you have photos or Salem keepsakes to loan for our anniversary displays.

If you have access to a digital video camera, we would like to record the stories of Salem's past and present history, and how people have experienced God's love in this congregation.

Lenten Sunday School Program

Lutheran Evangelical (?) Church Yikes! What does that mean? Am I suppose to go door-to-door handing out Bibles? Do I have to talk about *God*? We are an evangelical denomination, yet how often we are scared to evangelize. On the other hand, it is so easy to tell someone about a new restaurant we visited or give an opinion on a recent movie. Why is that? Many people are afraid to mention the dreaded "E" word because they think it requires a seminary degree. What it takes is simply being friendly and being open to sharing how God makes a difference in your life.

Note the start time: **Sundays at 9:00 a.m.** starting March 13.

Worship in the Round

*Once upon a Sunday dreary, while I pondered weak and weary,
Over snow and ice, volumes forgotten lore,
While I worried, nearly fearing, suddenly there came a tapping,
As a dozen souls came rapping, rapping at church door,
'Tis some souls, I muttered, tapping at God's chamber door –
All to worship and much more.'*

With a pardon to Edgar Allen Poe, a few intrepid souls braved the ice and snow to worship on ? In spite of the snowy and icy conditions, those that were safely there shared an unusual but Spirit-filled service.

One of the particular joys of the morning was to be able to share it with Private First Class Zach Parker who was with us for two Sundays after graduating from Marine Corps boot camp.



Thanks to Julie Rice for taking these images with her cell phone.

CIRCLE CITY PENTECOSTALS
OF
INDIANAPOLIS

January 31, 2011

To Salem Lutheran Church:

Dear Pastor and congregation:

I need to let you know, we will no longer need to rent the fellowship hall from you for our congregation. It is with a sad heart that we must close the doors of our congregation. Due to lack of attendance, we have made this decision.

We thank you from the depths of our hearts for your kindness and support as you have allowed us the freedom to worship the Lord. You have been a safe haven for many souls to find their way. I am eternally grateful to you all for that. Thank you for your hospitality when you opened the doors of your church and sanctuary in 2009 allowing us to use the church for a General Conference. Because you did that, we were able to share the good news of Jesus with people from six different states. That particular conference led to the start of three churches in other states. I am happy to announce they are all flourishing.

In closing, I encourage you all to hold your pastor and each other close in prayer each day as you continue the work of God here. Church is to be a safe place where people are loved, welcomed and allowed to heal. You all have a beautiful ministry here. We love and appreciate each one of you. Keep us in your prayers as we continue to walk the walk and sow seeds where the Lord leads us.

In Christian Love,

Pastor Sharon Hollis
Pastor Sharon Hollis



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March Worship Serving Schedule

MARCH	LAY ASSISTANT	LECTOR	ACOLYTE	NURSERY	USHERS	GREETER
6	Laura Morgan	Diann Ryan			Keith Kunze Burt Hall	Susan Kunze
9 Ash Wed.	Keith Kunze	Keith Kunze			Burt Hall	Bel Hedlund
13	Sean Rice	Keith Kunze			Julie Rice Devoe Slisher	Susan Kunze
20	Sean Rice	Sean Rice			Burt Hall Julie Rice	Devoe Slisher
27	Charles Rader	Rosemary Rader			Harry Bowden Burt Hall	Bel Hedlund



MARCH 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Dee Warriner	2 Sandy Wuensch	3 Barbara Agresti	4 Gino Agresti	5 Angela Agresti
6 Connie Alexander	7 Nancy Alexander	8 Tom Alexander	9 Ernestine Allen	10 Aileen Blue	11 Daniel Bowden	12 June Bowden
13 Harry Bowden	14 David Brandenburg	15 Sandra Brandenburg	16 Ismay Broomes	17 David Broomes	18 Pete Bush	19 Maria Childers
20 Johanne Ely	21 Mary Etchison	22 Eldon Forthum	23 David Gooderum	24 Reuben Gooderum	25 Anita Gooderum	26 Keith Grimme
27 Angelina Grimme	28 Karl Grimme	29 Rhunell Gruender	30 David Gruender	31 Susan Grymonpre		

MARCH 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER	5
6 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	7	8 SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE FEAST 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall	9 ASH WEDNESDAY 7:30 p.m. Worship	10	11	12 1:00 p.m. Church Council in Conference Room
13 Set clocks ahead! DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:45 Worship & Music Meeting	14	15	16	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY 6:00 SOUP SUPPER and 6:30 program in Fellowship Hall 7:00 Worship Service in Conference Room	18	19 Game Night in Fellowship Hall 5:30 Food 6:00 Games
20 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	21	22 Chimes Deadline	23	24 6:00 SOUP SUPPER and 6:30 program in Fellowship Hall 7:00 Worship Service in Conference Room	25	26
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CHURCH CLERGY & STAFF

Rev. Mel Schroeder, Vacancy Pastor

Rev. Bonnie Sparks, Supply Pastor

Rhunell Gruender,

Music Director/Organist

CHURCH COUNCIL

Keith Kunze, President

Julie Rice, Vice President

Susan Kunze, Secretary

Devoe Slisher, Treasurer

Burt Hall

Cynthia Haverstick

Laura Morgan

Timm Parker

Charles Rader

Rosemary Rader

Sean Rice

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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