



Salem Chimes



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Dear Friends,

Alleluia! Christ is risen! *Sundays and Seasons* offers thoughtful insight to the true concept of Christ's resurrection.

It is through that resurrection that we have become a new creation in Christ. The Church is called to a revolution in her understanding of the relationship between creation and new creation because of Easter. The Easter proclamation is that God's loves and graces

God's creation, especially the firstborn of God's new creation, enough to redeem it all—all of it—rather than lifting God's Son out of creation and setting Christ above it. Jesus Christ, in his resurrection, brings all of creation along with him into the resurrection, for the nature he has assumed, he has redeemed. **That is grace!**

Along with his divine nature, Jesus assumed human flesh. The witness of the resurrection is that the tomb was empty. Resurrection is, therefore, not simply a spiritual reality, the guarantee that after Christ died, he lived on in some ethereal form. Resurrection means the raising of the dead. God did not simply take on the semblance of human form at the incarnation. Through Christ's death and resurrection, God overcame and transcended death in the body and extends the promise of participation to all those who call on God's name. As the creed declares, "I believe in the resurrection of the body." **That is grace!**

So along with the new life which sprouts forth from the ground each spring, you also sprout forth as a new creation!



Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor Bonnie

Sunday Supply Pastor

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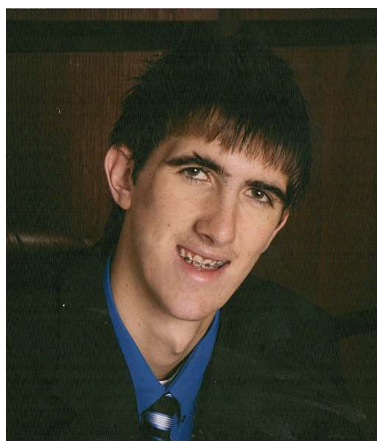
Birthdays This Month

5/9 Pete Bush
5/23 Jeff Barraclough
5/29 Dave Gooderum

SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Travis Parker is now in basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina with the 193rd Infantry Brigade, 3rd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment, Delta Company, First Platoon.

His brother **Zach Parker** (pictured) is now in advanced Marine Corps training at Camp Johnson in North Carolina.



HONORING OUR GRADUATE

On **Sunday, May 29**, Salem will recognize our high school graduate of the year, Johnathon Rice. We will bless him as he heads forth to college in Illinois on June 5.

Johnathon will be attending Black Hawk College, located in Moline, Illinois, this fall on a Basketball Scholarship.

The Salem family is invited to a
Graduation Open House for Johnathon
June 4, 2011 4-8 pm
At the Rice household.

Winning The Big Race

Greetings and may blessings abound,

In a couple of weeks, thousands of runners and walkers will embark on a challenging journey through the streets of Indianapolis and surrounding communities, like Speedway. Most of the runners and walkers have diligently trained for many months in preparation for an event that will last less than four hours for seventy-five percent of them, and two hours for the better athletes. Some have over trained in their preparations to the extent that injury will keep them from starting the race. Many participants will refer to this event as their “big race”, the ultimate challenge for which they are now well prepared.

For some, there will be disappointment, because they will not be able to finish the race, also known as the Indianapolis Mini-Marathon. Others will find an inner strength along the way that will enable them to finish and be totally elated by so doing. Out of thousands of participants there will be one “official winner” of the race. However, there will be thousands of winners who have simply *done their best*. As Christians, isn't this exactly what God asks of us as winners? to do our best and become a spiritual champion. How up uplifting it is to know that God does not care about the fastest, or the first to cross the finish line. God simply asks us to *do our best* - for him.

Apostle Paul towards the end of his earthly presence compared life to that of a race and exclaimed, “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith” (2 Tim. 4:7). Paul also states as the writer of Hebrews, “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us” (Heb. 12:1). The Apostle Paul was motivated to live his life for God and work hard in serving Jesus Christ because of the grace of God. To Paul, the greatest thing in all the world was the grace of God, the fact that God loved him so much...that God forgave him his many sins...that God allowed him to follow and serve His son....that God allowed him to proclaim the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I think I would like to become more like Apostle Paul and develop a greater and deeper understanding of God's love for me. You see, I am still running my race, occasionally making a wrong turn or stumbling along a path without the “right” motivation. I can and do however take comfort in the words found in Philippians 4:6-7 which state that we are to pray about all our circumstances. “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”

Peace and Grace be with you,

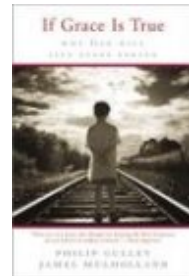
Keith

LUTHER'S THEOLOGY OF GRACE

Recently a number of folks have been discussing Grace. Some have read the book *If Grace is True*. I was asked to give an opinion of this book without having read it. I replied with Luther's Theology of Grace based on Ephesians 2:8: "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; (This was the scripture verse which transformed Luther's life, from which his Theology of Grace was developed.) After reading this book I was pleased to see that my seminary classmates who wrote *If Grace is True* finally caught on to Luther's Theology of Grace.

In a recent survey, I asked a group of folks if they understood the theology behind the Lutheran faith. Very few were able to respond that they did. Some Saemites were among the group surveyed and requested a Sunday School class to discuss Luther's Theology of Grace. Beginning May 1st at 9:00 a.m., we shall use *If Grace is True* as a study guide to analyze what Luther's Theology of Grace says and what it means for us as we live our faith within the framework of the Lutheran Church.

Copies of *If Grace is True* will be available for purchase at a cost of approximately \$12.00. (We are still waiting to find out the shipping costs.)



On Palm Sunday Barbara Agresti finished leading a Sunday School class on Evangelism. Folks discovered that evangelism is not knocking on doors and passing out tracts. Evangelism is simply telling your own story and the ways you see God working in your life. Part of your story is why you worship as a Lutheran. This next Sunday School class will help you put into words how God's grace and love is the foundation for your faith life. The Luther's Theology of Grace Sunday School class is not just for those who went to the Evangelism Study; everyone is encouraged to take part in this Sunday School class.

NEW PROCESSIONAL CROSS

Preparations for the Good Friday "The Way of the Cross" service revealed the need for a cross for our crucifer to carry. A big thank you to **Burt Hall** who created this cross and carried from station to station during the service.



DIRECTORY UPDATES

Sara Jacobs now has a home phone: 755-1005.

Sara's cell phone number is still 340-4729.

Zach Parker's new email is zparker@rocketmail.com



SALEM'S MISSION

During Lent a large percentage of Salemites steadfastly plowed, week after week, through the task of dissecting, discussing and evaluating each point of Salem's Mission Statement. The overwhelming consensus was that most points were unclear, irrelevant, too wordy and complicated, and proclaimed in other statements of Salem (such as the constitution). In other words, most folks do not like the current Mission Statement.

This means the Lenten Study was a great success! Why? you might ask. As one of the first steps in a Call Process, it is extremely important for a congregation to have a clear idea of who they are and where they want to go. That is what a Mission Statement is, a road map, as it were. Any new Mission Statement cannot be written without having first looked at the current one and evaluating what it says. A church cannot simply say, We shall wait for a new pastor to come and tell us who we are and what to do. That is a recipe for disaster! It is far better for Salem to figure out who we are and where we want to go and then look for a pastor who will be a like-minded shepherd.

Another success of the Lenten Study was the idea of having a Sunday School class this summer to do this evaluation. When the Luther's Theology of Grace class is finished, the next Sunday School class will look at the idea of who we are and where we are going and develop a new Mission Statement that is clear and concise.

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church Mission Statement

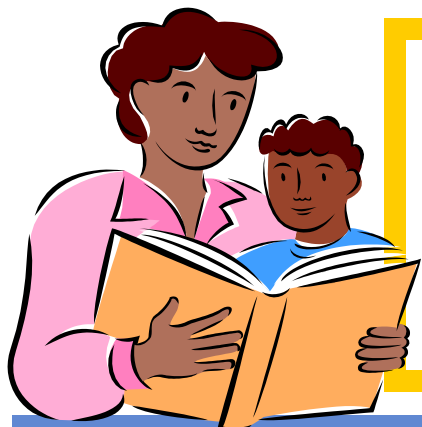
*Created by God to make Christ known, and filled with the Holy Spirit,
Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church shall be a ministry of Jesus that,
through word and sacrament:*

- † **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.**

CHIMING IN

Bringing back the Carillon chimes is being considered as a special project for our 175th year. For those who are not familiar with them, we have asked members to share their memories.

*I moved to Pike Township in 1994. I was invited to attend Salem Lutheran after Carl Salberg cleaned my carpets. We came the next Sunday and have been here ever since. When I parked my care that Sunday, there was a beautiful chime that came out of the steeple, that seemed to say "STAY." Over the next few years I came for children's choir practice, I discovered the Carillon also played hymns. It was nice and peaceful when they played. I do miss them. I never got the opportunity to see Rhunell play the keyboard and would love to witness that. **Stacey Parker***



HONORING MOTHERS

On May 8, Mothers Day we wish to take the opportunity to recognize all of the mothers of our church. Every woman who nurtures and cares for the children of Salem qualify for this honor and recognition. Please join us for Sunday worship on Mothers Day as we express our gratitude to you and for all you do.

SPRING CLEANING - MAY 14

"It's spring, it's spring, the lusty month of May!" (Camelot) Yes it is spring and time to do spring cleaning around Salem, especially with all of the visitors we expect during our 175th anniversary year.

Saturday, May 14 we shall have a cleaning party beginning with a brief prayer to bless our work **at 9:00 a.m.** Who knows, after a hard morning of work, there might even be some sandwiches and soup to fortify everyone to finish in the early afternoon.



1850 Ice Cream Social

Saturday, June 11, 1:30 to 3:30 pm

Cool treats, special dance demonstrations, show-and-tell of local artifacts.

Also, the Synod Bishop has been invited to join Salem Saturday, October 15 for a special worship experience.

Let us know if you want to be added to our email list to keep you updated on the schedule.



CELEBRATING CONFIRMANDS - JUNE 12



May 18, 1975

Front: Kathy Dupler, Pam Van De Mark,
Laurie Gooderum, Connie Alexander

Back: Pastor Kaitschuk, Cory Darling,
John Hall, Ed Jones

Were you confirmed at Salem? Were your children? Do you know anyone who was? We are attempting to track down everyone who was confirmed at Salem. If you and your family participated in a confirmation here, or if you know the name and address of anyone confirmed here, please let us know. There are forms on the table in the back of the sanctuary for you to fill out or you may call or email the office with the information.

As part of our year-long 175th celebration we are celebrating sacred moments in Salem's history. Pentecost is the day set aside in the Church calendar to commemorate the apostles receiving the Holy Spirit or confirmation. **This Pentecost, June 12, we would like to have all those confirmed at Salem join us for a special recognition** of that sacred moment in their lives and in the life of Salem, so please help us get the word out!



Mothers Day Tea

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Sponsored by
Salem Lutheran Church

Saturday, May 7th

11AM – 1PM

at

Lions Head Condominiums Clubhouse

7420 Lions Head Drive

(71st/73rd St. and Spring Mill Road -
gate will be open)

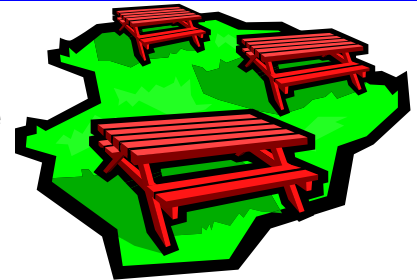
Tea, Coffee, tea sandwiches and small pastries
Light music, conversation, GIFTS

Bring your mother, daughter, grandmother, aunt, sister, friend, neighbor,
or just bring yourself!

Please RSVP by Wednesday, May 4th to Susan Kunze 257-5932.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER - MAY 5

The National Day of Prayer is an annual day of observance held on the first Thursday of May, designated by the United States Congress. People are asked "to turn to God in prayer and meditation." The law formalizing its annual observance was enacted in 1952.



This year **Salem will offer a noon service** to participate in the National Day of Prayer praying for our nation, national leaders, Indiana and state leaders, and local concerns and leaders. We shall invite other area churches to join us. Weather permitting, we shall gather in Salem's park to pray.

Nationally the tradition has been to hold Prayer Breakfasts or Prayer Lunches. Being good Lutherans, we, of course, need to involve food. **Bring a brown bag lunch with you.** Afterward, we shall enjoy a picnic lunch under our trees or in the conference room if need be.

LADIES LUNCHEON MEETS MAY 19

It's not just for the ladies. Men are also welcome to join the food and conversation as this group gathers at 11:30 a.m. for lunch at Piccard's Restaurant. It is located in the Marten House at 1801 West 86th Street (at Harcourt next to St. V's).

HOLY WEEK AT SALEM

April 2011



Above: The Procession of Palms
Right: The Palm Sunday Brunch.
Below: The Way of the Cross service
on Good Friday.



SEDER MEAL:
Lower left:
Pastor Bonnie Sparks welcomes
the 26 guests to the meal.
Center:
Bethel Hendrix served as the
"Mother" of the meal.



Above:
Pastor Bonnie
Sparks and Steve
Siroky mark
Christ's Seven
Last Words from
Noon to 3:00 on
Good Friday.

Photographer:
Devoe Slisher

SALEM HELPS “KIDS AGAINST HUNGER” PROJECT

The I-K Synod Indianapolis Conference Spring Assembly will take place at **1:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 1**, at Resurrection Lutheran Church, 445 E. Stop 11 Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46227.

At the Assembly, volunteers from Indianapolis Conference churches will be packing meals for the hungry.

Worship and the Conference business will begin at 2:45 p.m. followed by the second packing shift to begin at 3:45 p.m.



Monetary donations toward the \$8,000 needed to put on this event may be mailed to: Kids Against Hunger, PO Box 37, Greenwood, IN 46142.

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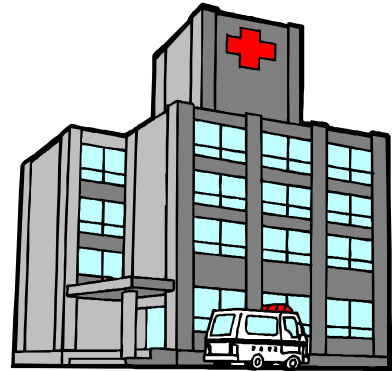
AN EASTER MUSICAL DRAMA

The Sunday after Easter, our worship service includes *Hallelujah! What a Savior!*: An Easter Musical Drama.” Join our choir and musicians for a compelling blend of biblical narrative and familiar spirituals and hymns.

The curtain goes up during our 10:30 am worship on Sunday, May 1.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS FOR YOUR WALLET

As a result of HIPAA (Health Information Privacy Accountability Act), hospitals no longer inform churches and pastors when a parishioner goes to the hospital, even if the patient gives consent or requests the pastor be notified. This means you need to let the church know if you are taken to the hospital. While you are still healthy, it would be a very good idea to let your loved one know that you want the church/pastor notified immediately. Pastor Mel and I are always ready and willing to respond to a middle of the night telephone call. You might want to **clip the following numbers** and put them some place with things that go to the hospital with you and **give a copy to your loved one.**



Pastor Bonnie Sparks

317-291-5004 (Salem)
317-547-0864 (home)
317-258-3995 (cell)

Pastor Mel Schroeder

317-253-0872 (Pleasant View)
317-430-2083 (cell)

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SALEM & TRUE LOVE TEAM UP

April 23, 2011



More than a dozen kids ran between the raindrops.

Right: Timm Parker leaves a trail of eggs.

Below: Top Bunny Susie and green-eared Bunny Steve Siroky.



Left: Volunteers from True Love Apostolic Church prepare the refreshments. And Ana gets dance lessons from Pastor and Uncle Timm.

Right: Official Egg Stuffing Bunny Sara Jacobs.

Below: Games included musical chairs with sing-along with our piano.





**Lilies have been given to
the Glory of God
by the following persons**

***Sean and Julie Rice - In memory of our fathers:
Bill Rice and Dick Jozwiak.***

***Tom and Nancy Alexander - In memory of
our loved ones.***

Laura Morgan - In memory of my mother.

Rhunell and Dave - In memory of our parents.

Bethel Hendrix - In memory of Wendell Phillips.

Bill and Diann Ryan - In memory of our parents.

Sara Jacobs - In memory of my grandfather: Grover C. Wilkerson.

Rhunell and Dave - In memory of Peggy Kasten.

Pastor Bonnie - In honor of the Joy-filled People of Salem.

Connie Alexander - In honor of all Salem members and friends.

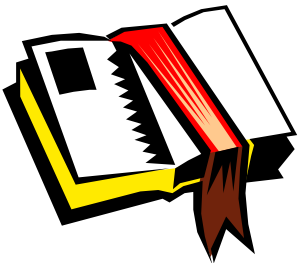
Pastor Bonnie - In honor of the Choir and Musicians.

Sean and Julie Rice - In honor of our mothers: Pat Rice and Janice Jozwiak.

Bel Hedlund - In honor of Margaret and Gerrit.

Pastor Bonnie - In honor of Devoe Slisher.

Harry Bowden



MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

The 12:00 noon Bible Study meets on **May 9 and 23**. Bring a sack lunch and join Pastor Mel in the Fellowship Hall.

May Worship Serving Schedule

M A Y	LAY ASSISTANT	LECTOR	ACOLYTE	USHERS	GREETER
1	Laura Morgan	Timm Parker	Devoe Slisher	Keith Kunze Burt Hall	Susan Kunze
8	Charles Rader	Rosemary Rader	Keith Kunze	Susie Siroky Steve Siroky	Bel Hedlund
15	Sean Rice	Steve Siroky	Susie Siroky	Devoe Slisher R. Budach	Julie Rice
22	Keith Kunze	Diann Ryan	Sean Rice	Burt Hall Julie Rice	Susan Kunze
29	Laura Morgan	Richard Budach	Timm Parker	Harry Bowden Devoe Slisher	Stacey Parker



MAY 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Stacey Parker	2 Zachary Parker	3 Travis Parker	4 Timm Parker	5 Charles Rader	6 Rosemary Rader	7 Bonnie Ribley
8 Sean Rice	9 Julie Rice	10 Josh Rice	11 Johnathon Rice	12 Diann Ryan	13 Bill Ryan	14 Rich Sceniak
15 Pastor Mel Schroeder	16 Steven Siroky	17 Susan Siroky	18 Devoe Slisher	19 Pastor Bonnie Sparks	20 Chila Van De Mark	21 Dee Warriner
22 Jim Warriner	23 Sandy Wuensch	24 Gino Agresti	25 Barbara Agresti	26 Angela Agresti	27 Amanda Agresti	28 Connie Alexander
29 Tom Alexander	30 Nancy Alexander	31 Aileen Blue				

MAY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 Sunday School Grace series begins 10:30 Worship with Easter Musical Drama 2:45 Indianapolis Conf. Assembly at Resurrection	2 7:00 p.m. 175th Anniversary Committee Meets	3 ELECTION DAY Office Closed 6:30 p.m. Council Meets	4	5 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 12 noon Worship and Picnic (bring sack lunch)	6	7 11:00 a.m. MOTHER'S TEA at Lions Head Condos RSVP to Susan Kunze
8 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship MOTHER'S DAY RECOGNITION	9 12:00 BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Mel in the Fellowship Hall	10	6	12 11:30 a.m. LADIES LUNCHEON at Piccards 1801 W. 86th Street	13	14 9:00 a.m. SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY meet in Fellow- ship Hall for assign-
15 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:45 Worship and Music Committee	16	17	13	19	20	21 Game Night in Fellowship Hall 5:30 Food 6:00 Games
22 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	23 12:00 BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Mel in the Fellowship Hall	24 Chimes Deadline	25	26	27	28
30 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship GRADUATE RECOGNITION	30 MEMORIAL DAY	31				

APRIL 2011

CHURCH CLERGY & STAFF

Rev. Mel Schroeder, Vacancy Pastor
Rev. Bonnie Sparks, Supply Pastor
Rhunell Gruender, Music Director/Organist
Devoe Slisher, Interim Office Manager

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