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Salem English Lutheran Church

Late January-February 2018



Waffle Mission and Outreach?

Happy Epiphany! It's the season that, over the years, has snuck up on me as one I cherish. The season of baptism and light, of revelation, of Christ (that little baby we just visited at the manger) all grown up and in the world with us. It's the season of call, promise, discovery, and did I mention, light? There is a newness to the call during Epiphany. It's one we can embrace as a congregation looking forward, doing ministry in year 501, struggling to find our place in the horizon. A season to light the path, to remind us of our call, and to help us see Christ among us.

So, what's next? How is the horizon shaping up to look? Well, I don't know all the details, but I know it's shaping up with enthusiasm, eagerness, determination, and NEW adventures. Let me tell you about one new thing that has come about because of our new Confirmation Reformation program that we joined this year. Five of Salem's best and brightest (Cassie, Jasper, Frank, Ava, and Clark) have been participating since last September and have something exciting to share from our experience around Stewardship. Introducing...

PROJECT 100

In November, each of the 10 churches were presented a \$100 bill. Each church was given the charge to decide what to do with the money provided they did one (or all) of three things: **Invest, Donate, or Invite**. As it happens, our youth got together with the youth from Bethel Lutheran to brainstorm ideas. Every student in the room wanted to use it to somehow raise more money to give away. Causes like Puerto Rico, food shelves, and youth programs, came to the surface. So what did Salem's youth decide to do?

They decided to stick with the youth of Bethel, pool their dollars, and invest in something that could be a perpetual way

to raise money for good causes: for donating, inviting new people, and even church fellowship. In what did these youth invest their \$200? Drumroll please...**WAFFLE MAKERS!**

That's right! Our youth, along with the youth of Bethel, invested in 5 large waffle makers that our congregations can use to raise money, invite neighbors, and even for fellowship. GREAT idea right? ***We will use them for the first time at our Fat Tuesday celebration on Tuesday February 13.***



I think our youth are pointing us in the right direction. As we move into the future, as we strive to hang onto our history and yet move forward in new and maybe sometimes uncomfortable ways, we should think about 5 waffle makers. It's not huge. It's not radical. It might even seem simplistic and almost odd, but it's something. It's movement. It's putting hope into action. Waffle Mission and Outreach...it's part of our horizon now. So what will we do with them?

Epiphany Blessings!

—Pastor Rhonda

Ash Wednesday

Join us on Wednesday February 14 at 7:00 pm for our annual Ash Wednesday worship. As we head into the season of Lent, we gather for confession, forgiveness, and the imposition of ashes.



Wednesday Evenings in Lent:

Soup, Worship, and Conversation

Join us on Wednesday evenings during Lent for soup supper, Holden worship, and conversation. We will gather as SpringHouse for soup at 5:30 pm and worship together at 6 pm. Following worship, Salem will gather for conversation around some of the hot button issues we have been encountering in our world using the "Faces of Christ" Lenten Study. Everyone is welcome!

Salem News

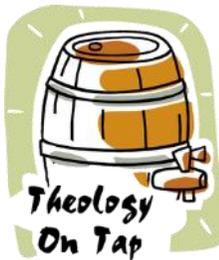
Lenten Adult Faith Formation

Join us in the gathering space at 9:30 am on Sundays in Lent as we explore the New Poor People's Campaign. All of SpringHouse will gather together to learn about this movement that is rooted in the belief that justice is for all. Come explore the call of Jesus to stand up.



Theology on Tap

Due to our Chili Cook-off on January 27 and our Annual Meeting on January 28, and the fact that we want ALL of you to be at these two fun events, we will not resume Theology on Tap until February. But join us the 3rd week of February as we jump back in...goodness knows there are enough hot topics in the world today, that discussion should not be difficult to find. Let's try something new! Join us Tuesday February 20 at 6:30 pm for conversations over a beverage of your choice. We will meet at the new Lynhall Café right north of the church on at 2640 Lyndale. We have lots to chat about - so mark your calendars and join us on February 20!



Mid-Week Break for Music and Conversation

You are invited to join other members of Salem for great music by the wonderful Chris Lomheim (Our Discover Band pianist)

When: Tuesday, January 23, 2018

5:00 pm Conversation (or whenever you can make it!)

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Music by Chris

Where: Vieux Carré, 408 St. Peter Street St. Paul, MN 55406

For more information or to RSVP contact Sarah Sinderbrand at 507-259-8527 or Mary Johnson at 612-716-6962.

Faces of Christ

Come and join the conversation on Wednesday evenings during Lent as we explore the "Faces of Christ." What does it mean to partner in mission? How can God's presence change lives? Where can we find God? How do we find hope in light of the world's chaos and suffering? Come and join our conversations and see where we will end up. Everyone is welcome...join us every week or whenever you can. No experience necessary, as *our conversations are casual and will bend toward what is important to those at the table.* We'll meet around 6:30 on Wednesdays after the Lenten service. We hope to see you there!



Update on our Stewardship Challenge Dollars

Challenge 1 & 2: Matching dollars and a block gift for NEW PLEDGERS. We still have a good portion of our matching funds for new pledgers available and we have not met our goal of 10 new pledgers to unlock that \$2000 gift. We do have 2 new pledgers to celebrate - who have committed to giving in 2018. Their pledges will be matched dollar for dollar! We still have funds for matching if you have not pledged before and would like to be part of our year 501 challenge! Either fill out a pledge form or contact the office to get started.

Challenge 3. We did reach our goal that called for at least 15 of our 31 current regular pledgers to raise their pledge by any amount! Hurray! This feat unlocked at gift of \$2000!

Challenge 4: We are SO Close to unlocking this gift of \$1000! We have 4 NEW Electronic Givers signed up and ready to go...we only need ONE MORE. If you are not currently an electronic giver, but would be willing to make this easy switch, contact the office to get signed up.



Sanctuary Switch

We're making our move from South Sanctuary to North Sanctuary on Monday, February 12. If you can lend a hand in the morning, please come on over.

More News

FAT Tuesday (Mardi Gras) Celebration

Join us the day BEFORE Ash Wednesday as we come together as a community to eat, drink, and have fun together. Following the tradition of purging all the things that are rich, excessive, or decadent before the season of Lent begins, we will be using our new jointly owned waffle makers (see Pastor Rhonda's front page article about our confirmation students' Project 100) to mark this day of celebration before we enter into Lent, the season of repentance, reflection, and walking with Jesus.



What you need to know:

Date: Tuesday February 13, 6-7:30 pm

EVERYONE is welcome! Invite your friends and neighbors!

This is a FREE event for everyone!

Donations for the celebration will be accepted - sign up in the sanctuary to bring items. Volunteers needed to help set up and clean up. If you can help, please sign up in the back of the sanctuary or email Laurie in the office.

Chili Cook-Off

Join us on Saturday January 27, from 4 pm - 6 pm, for Salem's first annual chili cook-off. Whether you are up for making a pot, or just tasting them all, this will be a fun fellowship event for everyone! (Invite your friends!) For those who like an opportunity to give - we will be highlighting the ministry of the Simpson Shelter and their ministry with the hungry. As we eat our fill of chili, we will collect spare change and other financial contributions that will go directly to Simpson's ministry with the hungry. Sign up in the back of the sanctuary or by emailing the office at office@discoversalem.org if you are ready to compete by entering your crock of chili.



Not Just an Annual Meeting!

Make sure you have your calendars marked for Sunday January 28! You do not want to miss this meeting. Yes, there are some business items we need to attend to (i.e. passing a budget, electing a few people to leadership positions, and even some constitutional amendments), but it is also a chance to get together as a faith community to talk about what is on Salem's horizon! I also seem to recall that there were party hats and prizes last year.

- ◆ Joint Worship at 10:30 am (NO 8:30 am worship this day)
- ◆ Brief SpringHouse Annual Meeting immediately following worship
- ◆ Lunch - which will transition into...
- ◆ Salem Annual Meeting

Childcare will be provided for all of the above

If you have questions about our annual meeting, please feel free to contact congregational President Josh Jorstad or Vice President Michelle Ruppert.

Can't wait to see you all there!



Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting Day Lunch

On Sunday January 28, Annual Meeting Day, we'll share a noon potluck lunch. A main dish will be provided, please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. Volunteers are needed to set up on Saturday, January 27 at 10 am and to help set up and serve the meal on Sunday. Please sign up now on the information table at church or by calling the office (612-872-4650). For more information, please contact Mary Patterson at 612-825-3837.

SpringHouse News

Polar Bear Picnic

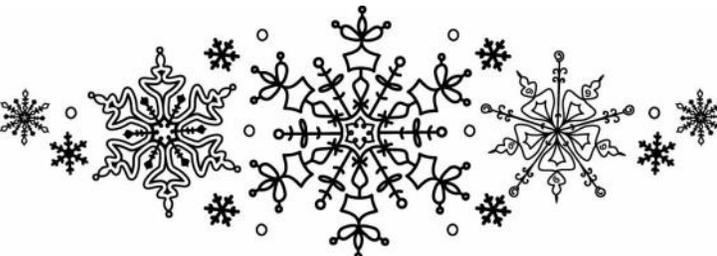


Join in the Polar Bear Picnic on Saturday, February 3 from noon-4 pm at the Lowry Nature Center at Carver Park Reserve near Victoria. This annual **SpringHouse family event**, is put on by the Three Rivers Park District, 40-minute drive from SpringHouse just past the University of Minnesota Arboretum in the southwest Twin Cities. We regularly have 15 to 25 SpringHouse folk join in the fun.

Celebrate winter! Snowshoe on the trails and kicksled on the ice. Challenge your family to ice miniature golf, ice bowling, and snow snakes. Crawl into a quinzhee shelter and help build your own. Go sledding, warm up by a bonfire, and make a craft. Listen for hourly clues to find hidden medallions redeemed for prize packages with items donated by Victoria-area businesses. Food concessions available, but you're welcome to bring your own lunch to the Nature Center lower level activity room.

This SpringHouse family event is sponsored by the SpringHouse Children Ministry Team, and **there is no cost for SpringHouse participants**. Simply tell the receptionist at Lowry Nature Center where you check in that you're with the SpringHouse group and sign-in on the SpringHouse clip-board.

A **car pool** will leave SpringHouse parking area at noon, and arrive at the POLAR BEAR PICNIC event at about 12:45 PM. Contact Michael Vanderford ([612-296-9647](tel:612-296-9647) or ; michaeljvanderford@gmail.com) if you want to be part of the car pool, or with questions. We'll return to SpringHouse around 4:30 PM.



We Are Sanctuary Supporting!

The Sanctuary Task Force has asked that each congregation that makes up SpringHouse vote at their annual meetings in January on the adoption of the Immigrant Welcoming Resolution. If the resolution passes at all three congregational meetings, the resolution will be taken to the SpringHouse Board at their April meeting for formal adoption. Make sure to join us at Salem's annual meeting on Sunday January 28 to vote on this important resolution.

Going...going...GONE!

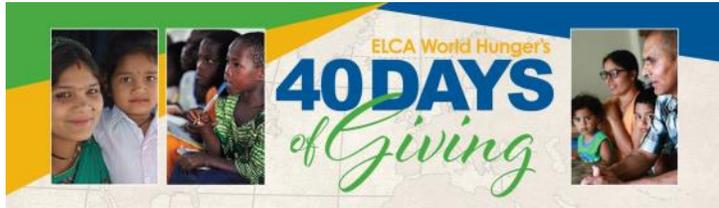
Once again, Child Ministries finds themselves digging out the drama room in the kids area. There are things - like speakers - that do not belong to the kids' program (and by extension, don't belong in the kids' area). If there is anything in the drama room that belongs to you that you have an interest in keeping, please remove it by January 28. Otherwise, we will dispose of it.

Please remember that we need to use this room on Sunday mornings. It is not an extra storage room for SpringHouse. If you need someplace to store something, please talk to Deb Murphy about an appropriate place for it. And while we do appreciate the intent behind donations to the kids' program, please talk to the Child Ministries Coordinators, April Conlee (Lyndale) and Nancy Curry (First): Pastor Rhonda: and Deb Murphy before bringing anything into the kids' area

Join the Huddle!

The Springhouse Huddle is a group of people who have gathered in the belief one person can make a difference and a group can make real change. Weekly emails provide suggested actions - large and small - based on pending legislation, local and world events, or other political activities. Monthly gatherings at Springhouse are a chance to share thoughts, information, and resources to help keep us going in our work to improve our communities and the world. We meet on the second Saturday of each month at 9am. Our next meeting will be Saturday, February 10. For more information or to be added to the email list, contact Anna Bliss at akb@pobox.com

Reaching Out ...



Seasons of Giving

Join us for our Seasons of Giving in Lent! We will be participating in the ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving. This fantastic organization of the ELCA is lifting up three distinct ministries that are part of their work in the world. They are asking congregations to pick one of the three and focus on it during the 40 days of Lent. Once we choose which program we are most interested in supporting on our Lenten journey, we will then follow their stories each week and track our progress. Watch for more information on each of the three programs and a chance to vote for your preference in the weeks to come, both in worship and via our weekly e-blast. Then, join us during our Lenten journey to learn more and for opportunities to donate funds to the program Salem chooses.

In addition to our ELCA World Hunger financial donations, we will be focusing on 40 Days of Giving to our neighbors at the Simpson Shelter by collecting non-perishable food items, cleaning supplies, and other items of need each week in worship. Simply help us pack the pews with your donations starting February 18 and going all the way through March 25. Watch for specific donation requests and updates on items needed in our weekly announcements and e-blast. Let's help feed our neighbors!

Simpson Shelter Meal

Our next opportunity to serve the evening meal at Simpson Shelter will be Tuesday, February 6. We gather in the large commercial kitchen at Simpson United Methodist Church, 28th St. and First Ave., at 5:15 pm to prepare the meal. We serve dinner to approximately 100 shelter guests at 7 pm, and clean up afterward, finishing about 8:30 pm. A team of 10 volunteers is needed for this work. We ask that you sign up on the info table or with Mary (mandmvanderford@gmail.com)



Volunteer at Open Arms

We invite you to volunteer with Salem at Open Arms of Minnesota on Saturday, February 10 from 10 am - noon. Open Arms is a nonprofit that cooks and delivers free, nutritious meals to people living with life-threatening illnesses in the Twin Cities. Our group of 8-10 volunteers will prep food for those meals in the Open Arms kitchen. Sign up through Sunday, January 28 on the list in the sanctuary. You can also contact Michelle Ruppert at ruppertma@gmail.com to sign up or ask questions.

Challenge Dollars for Outreach – Let's Get Busy!

As part of our Stewardship and Outreach Challenge, we received a lump sum that has been set aside specifically for outreach. As we move forward, as we focus on Salem's horizon, we are looking at ways to use these funds in creative and effective ways for outreach in our neighborhoods. We want everyone to know how great our church is and why we love it, getting people to know is us the first step.



Statistics tell us that half of the unchurched people in our society are looking for a faith community to call their own. But statistics also tell us that a majority of those people would prefer their first encounter with a church to be OUTSIDE of a Sunday morning worship experience. What do we do with this information?

What ideas do you have? Have you thought about ways our congregation could be more present with our neighbors? We are just beginning to flesh out what the horizon looks like with outreach at its forefront. But if you are inspired to be part of a small group of Salem friends who want to brainstorm and work toward some new and innovative outreach, make sure to join us at the Salem Annual Meeting on January 28 to hear more about an opportunity to gather, dream, and help bring to fruition some new and exciting ideas.

Sunday School and Children's Ministry



All enjoyed seeing our children present the Christmas story in the form of "Ruby's Runaway Pageant" in December.

Sunday School News

SpringHouse kids are learning a lot this year through Bible stories and time together. An intergenerational event is coming soon—watch for more information!

Questions about Sunday School?

Contact April Conlee (april.conlee@gmail.com) or Nancy Curry (ncurry9107@comcast.net) or come to the Children's Ministry team meetings, 1st Sunday of the month at noon.

Youth News

Youth and Parent 2018 Kick-Off

Come join youth minister Jon Bates on Sunday, January 21 at our regular meeting time, 9:15 am, in the Lydia Room to check in with each other, go over 2018's Spring calendar, eat some donuts, drink coffee, and dream together.

Youth Scavenger Hunt at Mall of America

Did you know you can do more than just shop at Mall of America? On Saturday, January 27, 10:30 am-4 pm, the youth group will eat lunch, scavenger around Mall of America, and see God in the midst of the busyness. Bring money for lunch! Please RSVP by text/letter/email with Jon at springhouseyouth@fccmpls.org or 651-253-8494 by Wednesday, January 24.



Next Confirmation Meeting February 11!

Confirmation will meet again on Sunday February 11, 1- 4 pm here at SpringHouse, when we will continue the topic of loving our neighbors. Our students are responsible for hosting this day, and will meet at 12 pm to prepare. Please let Pastor Rhonda know if you will not be there.

Youth Ministry Text and Email Updates

Did you know that you can get signed up to get texts and/or emails on the happenings of the youth ministries at Springhouse? Get yourself signed up by doing one of the following.

- ◆ Text @db2kc8 to 81010.
- ◆ Or talk to Jon Bates to get yourself signed up!

Questions? Contact Youth Minister Jon Bates at 651-253-8494 or springhouseyouth@fccmpls.org

Calendar

Week of January 21

Sun	1/21	8:30 am	Traditional Service
	1/21	9:15 am	Sunday School and Youth
	1/21	9:40 am	Adult Ed.
	1/21	10:30 am	Jazz Service
Mon	12/18	6:45 pm	Building & Grounds
Tue	1/23	8:15 am	Lectionary Bible Study at Walker Home
	1/23	5:00 pm	Conversation at Vieux Carré, St. Paul
	1/23	6:00 pm	Chris Lomheim performance, Vieux Carré
Sat	1/27	10:30 am	Youth Scavenger Hunt at MOA
	1/27	4:00 pm	Chili Cook-Off

Week of January 28

Sun	1/28	No Traditional Service
	1/28	9:15 am Sunday School and Youth
	1/28	10:30 am Combined SpringHouse Worship
	1/28	11:30 am SpringHouse Annual Meeting
	1/28	12:00 pm SpringHouse Lunch
	1/28	12:15 pm Salem Annual Meeting
Tue	1/30	8:15 am Lectionary Bible Study at Walker Home
Sat	2/3	12:00 pm Polar Bear Picnic

Week of February 4

Sun	2/4	8:30 am	Traditional Service
	2/4	9:15 am	Sunday School and Youth
	2/4	9:40 am	Adult Ed
	2/4	10:30 am	Jazz Service
	2/4	12:00 pm	Children's Ministry Team
Tue	2/6	8:15 am	Lectionary Bible Study at Walker Home
	2/6	5:15 pm	Simpson Shelter Meal
Sat	2/10	9:00 am	Women's March Huddle Group
	2/10	10:00 am	Volunteer at Open Arms

Week of February 11

Sun	2/11	8:30 am	Traditional Service
	2/11	9:15 am	Sunday School and Youth
	2/11	9:40 am	Adult Ed
	2/11	10:30 am	Jazz Service
	2/11	12:00 pm	Green Team
	2/11	1:00 pm	Reformation Confirmation
Mon	2/12	10:00 am	Sanctuary Switch
Tue	2/13	8:15 am	Lectionary Bible Study at Walker Home
	2/13	6:00 pm	Fat Tuesday Pancake & Waffle Supper
Wed	2/14	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship

Week of February 18

Sun	2/18	8:30 am	Traditional Service
	2/18	9:15 am	Sunday School and Youth
	2/18	9:40 am	Adult Ed.
	2/18	10:30 am	Jazz Service
Mon	2/19	6:45 pm	Building & Grounds
Tue	2/20	8:15 am	Lectionary Bible Study at Walker Home
	2/20	6:30 pm	Theology on Tap at LynHall Café
Wed	2/21	5:30 pm	Soup Supper
	2/21	6:00 pm	Holden Evening Prayer
	2/21	6:30 pm	Faces of Christ study
	2/21	6:30 pm	Salem Executive Committee
	2/21	7:00 pm	Salem Council

Week of February 25

Sun	2/25	8:30 am	Traditional Service
	2/25	9:15 am	Sunday School and Youth
	2/25	9:40 am	Adult Ed.
	2/25	10:30 am	Jazz Service
Tue	2/27	8:15 am	Lectionary Bible Study at Walker Home
Wed	2/28	5:30 pm	Soup Supper
	2/28	6:00 pm	Holden Evening Prayer
	2/28	6:30 pm	Faces of Christ study

January and February Birthdays

Wish these Salem members and friends a happy birthday! If you're new to Salem and would like your birthday listed, please contact Laurie in the office.



Marta Roser – 1/15	Ingrid Jorstad – 2/17
Marc McKinley – 1/26	LaVonne Sjogren – 2/17
Mary Johnson – 1/28	Austin Tollerson – 2/18
Paul West – 1/31	Solveig Tollerson – 2/22
Chris Wick – 2/6	Bonnie Ford – 2/24
Axel Jorstad – 2/8	Kristin Salkas – 2/26
Frank Marynak – 2/15	Mary Patterson – 2/28



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Traditional Music:	Kent Goodroad	kgoodroad@gmail.com
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Building Manager:	Rick Bowman	rjamesb49@gmail.com

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