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Salem English Lutheran Church

April 2018



And a Little Child Shall Lead Them

“Don’t let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers...” 1 Timothy 4:12

Something extraordinary happened this past weekend – and regardless of your political views or the side of the issue you come down upon – you must take notice. Last Saturday over 800,000 people descended on the capitol in Washington, DC to take a stand. In addition, people gathered in 800 cities around the world to stand with them...including 20,000 in our very own St. Paul. The extraordinary part though wasn't even the masses that

showed up, it was WHO organized it, led it, and left us all in awe. In the span of a little over 5 weeks, in the wake of horror and tragedy that most of us cannot even imagine, a group of teenagers pulled off the most attended march in the history of our capitol.

Yes, the youth did it. A generation that is seen as being on their phones all the time, not noticing what is happening in the world around them, and who many dismiss as the “future” and not necessarily relevant today...they pulled off a gathering like none have ever seen before.

What I found incredibly impressive about the program they put together in Washington was the diversity of youth invited to the stage. There were youth from Parkland and Chicago and Los Angeles – kids from privilege who have just experienced gun violence for the first time and kids from communities who have been living that reality their entire lives – white kids, black kids, brown kids – all on stage together. A singular voice around a specific issue that will make a difference. Yes, the youth did it.

There is a reason I spent the first 15 years of my call as a pastor working with youth...some of whom I watched march in St. Paul and in Washington on Saturday. These young people are not “the future”, they are a real glimpse of the Kingdom of God, right here and right now.

I have been ruminating since Saturday about the feelings I often have, that many of you share with me, of being overwhelmed, feeling helpless, not knowing what to do even if I did want to take a stand or accomplish something that seems so big. What Saturday reminded us of is that sometimes things just need to be done. The students of Parkland experienced the unimaginable and decided they had something to say about it...and so they did. Yes, the youth did it.

What is stopping us from doing the things that need to be done for the gospel, for our community, for our congregation? Most of the time it probably boils down to fear. (Ask some of your fellow members who went out into the neighborhood to put up Salem flyers how excited they were at the idea of flying. Then ask them how it went.)

What kingdom work do we need to stand up and do right now? Whom should we be walking alongside? How can we be better neighbors? What changes do we need to make to stay relevant?

In just 5 weeks group of kids put together a march that included more than a million people around the country and the world...what do you suppose we could do?

Resurrection Blessings!

–Pastor Rhonda

Holy Week and Easter Schedule: Come Worship With Us!

- ◆ Maundy Thursday worship March 29 at 7 pm
- ◆ Good Friday Worship March 30 at 7 pm
- ◆ Easter Sunday Worship at 8:30 am and 10:30 am, with Easter Breakfast served by the youth from 9-10:15 am



Salem News

Adult Faith Formation

Join us in the gathering space at 9:30 am on Sundays as we continue to 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.

Schedule of topics:

- ◆ April 8: Liberation Theology & “The Talk”
Led by Antoine Melton-Meaux
- ◆ April 15: DEEPER DIVE:
Issues of Policing through the PPC Lens
led by the Pastors
- ◆ April 22: CORE VALUE OF THE PPC:
Environmental Justice
led by Pastor Rebecca and special guest Melia Derrick
- ◆ April 29 / May 6
(we will be finalizing which date
for which subject very soon)
 - ◇ DEEPER DIVE:
Incarceration & Voting Rights through the PPC Lens
led by Pastor Laurie
 - ◇ DEEPER DIVE:
Sexual Violence through the PPC Lens
led by Pastor Rebecca and special guest Peter Murray/
OutFront MN
- ◆ May 13 CALL TO ACTION! Led by the Pastors
Preparation for actions at the MN State Capitol beginning
May 14 through June 21



Mission to Detroit

The SpringHouse annual mission trip will be to Detroit MI this summer. First Christian has a long history with an organization called Rippling Hope and this summer we are invited to join the kingdom work. Here are some of the details you need to know:

- All are welcome! Adults and youth are invited to join this adventure. Talk to Pastor Rhonda if you have questions.
- We will leave Saturday, July 21 early in the morning and return Sunday July 28 in the early evening.
- While a majority of our time will be spent in Detroit being hosted by Rippling Hope, we will also spend a day in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and probably cross over into Canada.
- Cost of the entire trip will be \$300 per person (this includes all meals in Detroit and transportation) Money for meals on the Saturday and Sunday to and from, as well as for our “play day” is in addition to the cost of the trip. *Scholarships are available if cost is too prohibitive. Please contact Pastor Rhonda or Pastor Laurie for information.
- We will engage in home improvement projects connected with economic recovery efforts. There are projects for novices and experts—so no experience necessary—but any experience is welcome!

Talk to Pastor Rhonda if you are interested in joining us. She will have registration materials available soon!

More News

Summer Camp

It's summer camp time! We already have 4 of Salem's youth signed up to attend a week of camp at Camp Wapogasset in Amery, Wisconsin during the month of August. If you know of a youth finishing 4th-8th grade who would be interested in joining the fun, talk to Pastor Rhonda to get signed up.

Salem has a few spots reserved for the week of August 12-17. Cabin life, games, swimming, gaga, 9 square, campfire, canteen, and lots of new friends will make for a fantastic week for everyone! For more information go to www.campwapo.org.



Seasons of Giving

For the month of April, we will focus our Seasons of Giving efforts on sending kids to Camp Wapo, Day Camp, and on our Detroit mission trip this coming summer! We already have 4 young people registered to attend Camp Wapo for a week in August, we have at least 2 youth signed up to head to Detroit at the end of July, and are looking to have almost 100



kids attend our joint South Minneapolis Day Camp in June.

One week at Camp Wapogasset runs \$430 per youth. The Detroit Mission Trip

has a cost of \$300 per person. And while we charge families a nominal fee for kids to attend Day Camp, the program runs primarily on donations from participating congregations.



In order to make these opportunities possible for EVERY ONE who would like to attend, we are asking anyone who is willing and able to make a financial contribution to go toward scholarships to help cover the costs for our youth.



In early March a hardworking SpringHouse crew helped clean up the church on "Share the Care" day. Here they enjoy a well-deserved lunch after their efforts!

Theology on Tap

Let's try Wednesday! Join us at Lynhall at 6:30 pm on Wednesday April 25, for conversation and beverages. The topic is yet to be determined-but rest assured it is never boring!



Fun was had by all at the annual Palm Sunday Peeps Diorama event!

SpringHouse News

SpringHouse Library Invites Donations

The SpringHouse Library Committee met recently to discuss ways to collect and offer materials that support the current and future adult education studies. The current studies explore Racial Justice, Economic Justice, Environmental Justice and Militarism-Peace issues.

The committee has purchased two books: *Evicted, Poverty and Profit in the American City* by Matthew Desmond and *Strangers in Their Own Land* by Arlie Russell Hochschild. We would like to increase the number of materials available on these topics. Therefore, we are inviting you to donate materials or money to purchase them.

Should you wish to make a donation, you can place it in the donation box adjacent to the library. If you have questions, please contact either Barb Rusinak at 651-770-6258 or brusinak@comcast.net, or Barb Livdahl at 763-522-2062 or blivdahl@gmail.com.

SpringHouse Library will gratefully accept book and non-book materials that:

- ◆ help fulfill the mission of the individual churches and/ or SpringHouse
- ◆ are in good condition
- ◆ accurately teach about faith and belief in a balanced way
- ◆ expand the offerings in the various categories of materials held by the library

Donations of new or used materials are accepted with the understanding that the library staff (committee) may use discretion in the placement of the materials. Items that cannot be used will be returned to the donor if she or he wishes or disposed of in an appropriate manner. (Unless the material is a classic, it should be published no longer than 10 years ago.)

Save the Date: SpringHouse Camping

The annual Springhouse camping trip this summer will be Saturday, July 14 through Sunday, July 15, just one night this year. This is a family friendly, multi-generational, mega fun event. So, set aside this weekend in your calendar now! Questions? Please contact April Conlee at april.conlee@gmail.com or 612-385-0065.

Strangers in Their Own Land by Arlie Russell Hochschild

Review by Roger Livdahl

Why have the southern states become such “Red” states, supporting the Tea Party, and listening to Rush Limbaugh and Fox News? Why has Louisiana sustained severe ecological damages from chemical and petroleum fracking, and mining operations, devastating whole counties and making them almost uninhabitable? Why, when Louisiana had become the nation’s second poorest state, did Governor Jindal cut corporate taxes and spent \$1.6 billion to lure industry to the state? Why did the citizens put up with massive cuts in higher education, and social services? Why is there such resistance to receiving federal funds for education, health services, law enforcement or ecological rehabilitation?

Hochschild, a sociologist from Berkeley, CA, wanted to get to know the people of the South, what they really believe, and, perhaps, why they vote the way they do. She developed a respectful listening relationship with individuals and families in Louisiana, becoming attuned to how their feelings affected their beliefs, actions and votes.

She concentrated on middle-class people and discovered a culture of “victimization.” They expressed, “When do we get to take our place on line for the American Dream?” From the Civil War and through the 1960’s black rights movement, white men of the South felt they had been continuously shoved back in line. Meanwhile white wages leveled or sank, while some elite were becoming very wealthy at their expense, and women, blacks, homosexuals, and immigrants were demanding their place at the table. Endless “line-cutters” were getting tax-supported hand-outs. Many white male citizens were feeling like “Strangers in their own land”.

Robert B. Reich, professor of public policy, UC Berkeley says: “With compassion and empathy, Hochschild discovers the narrative that gives meaning and expression to these peoples’ lives and which explains their political convictions along with much else. Anyone who wants to understand modern America should read this captivating book”.

The book includes 27 reading group guide questions.

Reaching Out ...

Simpson Shelter Meal

Our next opportunity to serve the evening meal at Simpson Shelter will be Tuesday, April 3. 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)



Caritas Vocal Ensemble Concerts

Caritas Vocal Ensemble is a non-profit vocal ensemble which performs acapella choral music from all genres to raise money and awareness for people in need. Laurie Zaepfel from the Salem office sings in this group! Please join us for a concert this spring. More information at caritasvocalensemble.org.

- ◆ Sunday, April 8, 4 pm – benefiting Hope4Youth Church of the Sacred Heart, 4087 W. Broadway, Robbinsdale
- ◆ Saturday, April 21, 6 pm (time change) benefiting Trust Parish Nursing St. John's Lutheran, 4842 Nicollet Ave, Minneapolis
- ◆ Sunday, April 29, 3 pm – benefiting Cherish All Children Valley of Peace Lutheran, 4735 Bassett Creek Dr., Golden Valley

Join the Huddle!

The Springhouse Huddle is a group of people who believe that 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. We gather on the second Saturday of each month at 9 am to share thoughts, information, and resources to help keep us going in our work to improve our communities and the world. Our next meeting will be Saturday, April 14. For more information or to be added to the email list, contact Anna Bliss at akb@pobox.com

Earth Day 2018

Did you know the first Earth Day was in 1970? Yet it is obvious we need to be working to care for the Earth more than ever 48 years later. The Green Team always looks forward to special activities on or around April 22 each year,



even though they believe every day should be Earth Day. This year offers a special opportunity because of the new Poor People's Campaign, a revival of Martin Luther King Jr.'s last campaign before he died. The addition of climate justice as one of the pillars for direct nonviolent action in May and June was an important decision of the organizers, since climate justice is intimately connected to the other three pillars of economic justice, racial justice, and anti-militarism.

On Sunday, April 22, the Adult Education session will be led by Melia Derrick, who will talk about how climate justice relates to the Poor People's Campaign. Join us in the Gathering Space at 9:30 am to learn, discuss, and be part of Earth Day 2018.

The children will also be part of Earth Day. Mary Vanderford will lead them starting at 9:15 in the Sunday School area as they make pollinator seed bombs along with planting seeds in pots to be transplanted into the SpringHouse garden later.

Then everyone is invited to visit the Green Team table in the Gathering Space after the 10:30 services to learn about a great way to share fresh produce with those in need and pick up some free seeds so you can grow extra food in your garden to donate to food shelves and others who do not have access to fresh healthy vegetables. The Green Team table will be available on both April 22 and April 29.

You are also invited to join with the Green Team in the coming year. Even if you can't make it to our meetings, Green Team members would welcome hearing about your concerns and having you work with us on Green Team projects. Please call Elly Wagner at 952-922-7703 or Melia Derrick at 763-503-4984 to discuss your ideas. Together we can make a difference!

Sunday School and Children's Ministry

Earth Day Intergenerational Event!

The Green Team and the Sunday School are sponsoring an Inter-generational Earth Day event on April 22 during the usual Sunday school and Adult Ed time from 9:15-10:15. Some of the activities will be making seed bombs and planting seeds for the SpringHouse garden.



Save the Date for Day Camp!

Many families are planning summer activities already. Be sure to save the week of June 18-22 for South Minneapolis Day Camp, to be held at Bethel Lutheran, 4120 S 17th Avenue in Minneapolis. Kids in preschool through 8th grade are welcome to participate; high school youth can serve as shepherds or other helpers. More info to come!

Sunday School News

Godly Play: The stories for April in our Godly play curriculum are Zacchaeus on April 8 and the Prodigal Son on April 15. There will be informal Sunday school offered on Easter Sunday.

Wish List. Part of transitioning to the Godly Play curriculum is acquiring some materials. We are in search of: **shoe boxes** to store story props and scripts, **small rugs**—for children to do their work on, **bookshelves**—no taller than 30”, and a **wood worker** to make wooden figures for the Godly Play stories

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. (This month we will meet April 8 to avoid Easter.)

Youth News

Youth-led Worship Services

- ◆ Sunday, April 15 at First Christian Church
- ◆ **Sunday, April 22 at Salem English Lutheran Church**
- ◆ Sunday, April 29 at Lyndale UCC

Youth are going to be leading worship in April and there's a lot of prep for this opportunity where the youth are able to share a glimpse of themselves and glimpses of God in front of each congregation! Families, please do your best in attending Youth Group on Sunday mornings to prepare for these worship services.



Next Confirmation Meeting April 15!

Confirmation will meet again on April 15, 1- 4 pm at Peace Lutheran Church in Plymouth. The topic will be the Care of Creation. Questions? Talk with Pastor Rhonda.

Upcoming Youth Activities

For questions about youth activities, please contact Youth Minister Jon Bates at springhouseyouth@fccmpls.org or 651-253-8494

Saturday April 14, 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Peer Ministry "Youth Lead" Conference

St. Andrews Lutheran Church, Mahtomedi, MN

"Youth are leading or they are leaving." If the church is to survive, youth must be the church of today, not just the church of tomorrow. Register with Jon with \$39 by April 1 (after 4/1 the price increases to \$45.) *Scholarships are available and if a ride is needed let Jon know.*

Thursday, April 19, 5:30-8:00 pm

Third Thursday Turnout – location TBA

Come and enjoy fellowship on a Thursday afternoon! If the weather is nice, it'll probably be at MilkJam Creamery! Bring yourself, homework if you have some, and some money for a treat.

Saturday, April 28, 6-8 pm

Bowling at Memory Lanes

It's always necessary to enjoy a couple hours of bowling with each other! We'll gather for fun and fellowship at Memory Lanes. Bring money for two games and shoes and of course, invite a friend! Dinner will be provided at Memory Lanes.

Calendar

Week of April 1

Sun	4/1	Easter Sunday
	4/1	8:30 am Traditional Service
	4/1	9:15 am Easter Breakfast
	4/1	9:30 am Informal Sunday School
	4/1	10:30 am Jazz Service
Tue	4/3	8:15 am Lectionary Bible Study at Walker Home
	4/3	5:15 pm Simpson Shelter Meal

Week of April 8

Sun	4/8	8:30 am Traditional Service
	4/8	9:15 am Sunday School and Youth
	4/8	9:40 am Adult Ed
	4/8	10:30 am Jazz Service
	4/8	12:00 pm Children's Ministry Team
	4/8	12:00 pm Green Team
Tue	4/10	8:15 am Lectionary Bible Study at Walker Home
Sat	4/14	9:00 am Women's March Huddle Group

Easter Breakfast—Sunday, April 1, 9-10:15 am

On Easter Sunday the youth will be preparing waffles, dyed Easter Eggs, and more for the community at SpringHouse! This is the one fundraiser that the youth have at SpringHouse on which the money raised will benefit these students on their summer experiences through SpringHouse.

There will be gluten-free and vegetarian options available, although if there are any other dietary needs connect with Jon Bates as soon as possible.



Salem Calendar on the Salem Website

Did you know that our congregational calendar is available on our website? At www.discover.salem.org you can link to our calendar. For some events there are extra details included, too. Check it out.

Week of April 15

Sun	4/15	8:30 am Traditional Service
	4/15	9:15 am Sunday School and Youth
	4/15	9:40 am Adult Ed.
	4/15	10:30 am Jazz Service
	4/15	1:00 pm Confirmation Meeting
Mon	4/16	6:45 pm Building & Grounds
Tue	4/17	8:15 am Lectionary Bible Study at Walker Home
Wed	4/18	6:30 pm Salem Executive Committee
	4/18	7:00 pm Salem Council
Thu	4/19	5:30 pm Youth Third Thursday Turnout

Week of April 22

Sun	4/22	8:30 am Youth-led Traditional Service
	4/22	9:15 am Intergenerational Earth Day Event
	4/22	10:30 am Youth-led Jazz Service
Tue	4/24	8:15 am Lectionary Bible Study at Walker Home
Wed	4/25	6:30 pm Theology on Tap at The Lynhall
Sat	4/28	6:00 pm Youth Bowling at Memory Lanes

Week of April 29

Sun	4/29	8:30 am Traditional Service
	4/29	9:15 am Sunday School and Youth
	4/29	9:40 am Adult Ed.
	4/29	10:30 am Jazz Service



April 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.

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| Elaine Reed – 4/18 | Luke Pena – 4/21 |
| Chuck Sasse – 4/19 | Joel Stjernholm – 4/25 |
| Peder Hagen – 4/21 | |



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