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Salem English Lutheran Church

May 2018



Coming Together...Just for a While

Last September I sat down with the 8:30 am worship crowd (we often say the 30 minutes before worship is “church before church” as we gather and chat about everything under the sun) and asked them what they would think of having just one worship service for a finite period of time in the summer. Since then, the idea of one worship service—JUST for summer—has been tossed up, down, and all around. Now, here comes the ripping off of the band-aid. Are you ready? For the summer of 2018, Salem will be moving to one worship service on Sunday morning. There. Said it. Done.

That’s right. Salem Uptown will worship together as one on Sunday mornings for the months of June, July, and August at 9:00 am. Yeah! We will resume our regular schedule of two Sunday worship services in September.

I am so excited about this opportunity to be together with all of you at one time! The reality is that, even though Salem is a small congregation, we are essentially divided into two congregations depending on which service you regularly attend. This will be an amazing chance for us to come together, to get to know people we may not normally see, to find out what the “other” service has been up to, to experience something a little bit different...all for a finite period of time.

There is also something to say about critical mass. Summer is a time when many of us travel and find ourselves worshipping in places far from home. There are weeks when we worship on a mountain or at a lake. Summer is a time to go “up north”, to “the cabin”, and to “hit the road” for Minnesotans. Being responsible stewards of our resources would seem to call us to combine our efforts into one service for this time.

What will it look like? Well, the details are still being worked out and I am always looking for people with ideas. The best answer I have right now is that it will be “blended”. We will be using the musicians we know and love throughout the summer. We will have some weeks with a pianist, we will have some weeks with our jazz musicians leading us, and there may be weeks when we utilize them all. We will incorporate elements from both of our usual services in order to craft one service that makes everyone feel welcome, included, and able to worship. I am really looking forward to this chance to come together...just for a while.

I realize one service is different or even a little scary for some...but I believe it is a good thing for this finite period. It is a chance for us to really come together as one community. To worship in ways that are holy and that comfort us and challenge us at the very same time. It is a time for us to grow in our unity and into our identity so that as we move forward we can clearly tell people “out there” who we are.

As always, I look forward to worshipping with you!

Blessings!

–Pastor Rhonda

**DON'T
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Mark Your Calendars!

- ◆ Adult Faith Formation “The New Poor People’s Campaign” **Call to Action Sunday, May 13 at 9:10 am**
- ◆ SpringHouse **Joint Worship May 20 at 10:30 am** with a **Picnic Lunch** to follow at 12 pm.
- ◆ **Sanctuary Switch Monday May 21 at 10 am.** Many hands make light work!
- ◆ **Theology on Tap on Wednesday May 23 at 6:30 pm**—Lynhall
- ◆ **Sign up for Day Camp!** (members, friends, family, and neighbors going into K-8th grade.)
June 18-22 (9 am–4 pm)

Salem News



Seasons of Giving

For the months of April and May, 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.

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.



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

Worship Around the Fire

Join us this summer for something different! We will have three opportunities to gather together for a casual, fun, family friendly, "all are welcome", campfire type worship at Salem.



We are still working on all the details, but one thing we can say for certain is that if there is a campfire, there will be s'mores!

Mark your calendars for the following Sunday evenings: June 10, July 15, and August 26, all three beginning at 5 pm.

Stay tuned for details and join us for this fun worship experience.

Looking for Fleece



During the month of May we are looking for all the fleece we can get! Area organizations have been asking for blankets and we would like to make this a worship project for one of our Sunday morning worship services in June. In addition, our day camp kids will be making lap blankets using fleece. Pieces need to be at least 1 yard in size to make a blanket.

If you would prefer to donate in a monetary way, so that we can purchase fleece for this project, simply mark your donation "For Fleece".

Sanctuary Switch

It's that time again! On Monday, May 21 in the morning, we'll be moving from North Sanctuary to Garden Sanctuary for the summer months. Many hands make light work—please plan to come and help if you are able.



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.

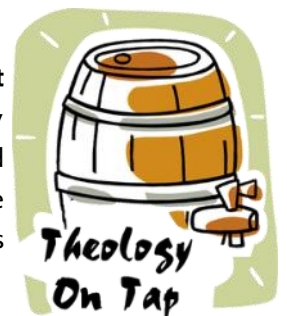
Schedule of topics:

- ◆ April 29: DEEPER DIVE:
Sexual Violence through the PPC Lens
led by Pastor Rebecca and special guest Peter Murray/
OutFront MN
- ◆ May 6: DEEPER DIVE:
Incarceration & Voting Rights through the PPC Lens
led by Pastor Laurie
- ◆ May 13: CALL TO ACTION!
Preparation for actions at the MN State Capitol beginning
May 14 through June 21. Led by the Pastors

Following all of our learning about the New Poor People's Campaign, there will be local opportunities to be part of movements and events that call for justice. Events will begin the week of May 13, and details will be available as the day gets closer. Watch for ways that YOU can make a difference!

Theology on Tap

Let's try Wednesday again! Join us at Lynhall at 6:30 pm on Wednesday May 23 for conversation and beverages. The topic is yet to be determined—but rest assured it is never boring!



SpringHouse News

SpringHouse Picnic Lunch May 20



Picnic

Mark your calendar for Sunday, May 20 for a picnic lunch after the joint worship service in the Gathering Space. More details coming soon, but please plan to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Volunteers will be needed for set up on Saturday, May 19 and for serving on Sunday. Please sign-up at church or contact the office to volunteer.

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. All are welcome to Carver Park on Saturday to visit, play at the beach, bike ride, walk during the day. The potluck dinner starts at 6 pm. Campfire, marshmallows, singing, and stories to follow. Those wanting to camp overnight are welcome to stay and worship on Sunday morning So, set aside this weekend in your calendar now! Questions? Please contact April Conlee at april.conlee@gmail.com or 612-385-0065.

Your Hope: Thoughts from Youth Minister Jon Bates



Sunday, October 22 was my first “official” day in the role as the Youth Minister at SpringHouse Ministry Center. (Side note: I’m always going to be humbled by this new title of mine). Since that day, I have seen glimpses of God through meeting the people of SpringHouse through the different churches, the different traditions, and through accompanying the youth in their faith journeys thus far. Every day, I learn more about SpringHouse by the joys, history, and occasional pains of this community. I just wish I could learn how to duplicate myself so I could worship with each church, every single Sunday, remembering everybody’s names, and singing side by side. But, I can assure you, one of me is enough.

Now, friend, I’d like to ask you. What are your hopes for the youth at SpringHouse? What do you hope for them to encounter? What do you hope for them to learn? Where do you hope for them to be? How do you want the youth to encounter these lessons?

- ◆ Do you hope for the youth to encounter God in the midst of the sacred?
- ◆ Do you hope for the youth to acknowledge that they’re doing youth ministry wherever they are?
- ◆ Do you hope that God continues to empower them, through every step that they take?
- ◆ Do you hope that they continue to live into their identities as they walk with Christ?
- ◆ Do you hope that they are surrounded in a loving community that honors their doubts, questions, joys in life, and pings of pain?
- ◆ Do you hope that the youth learn more about you?
- ◆ Do you hope that they remember how loved they are, by you?
- ◆ Do you hope that they notice Jesus, through you?

Then, do you ache to experience these hopes as well? I know I do. As the shared youth minister at SpringHouse, I have to occasionally remind myself that I’m not the professional here. It’s the youth and it’s you. You walk the talk of SpringHouse. You carry the wisdom that needs to be heard. You are the community that I see thriving through theater, costuming, music, advocacy, engineering, art, baking, love, and most importantly, hope. I see hope here and I thank you for sharing this with me.

I hope that you feel called to accompany the youth of this faith community in their journeys. I hope you feel called to empower them through acknowledging the joy that is within them. And within you. Cause I’m certain, they’re going to share glimpses of hope to you. They’re also going to see glimpses of hope within you. And this hope that’s in SpringHouse is holy, sacred, and beautiful. Let’s continue sharing this hope, together.

Reaching Out ...

Simpson Shelter Meal

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

Open Streets on Lyndale Avenue June 10



Sunday, June 10 is Open Streets on Lyndale Avenue between 22nd Street and 42nd Street from 11 am -5 pm. Lyndale Avenue will be closed between these points (with the exception of occasional places for cars to cross, most likely 28th Street is one). Biking, walking, yoga, strolling, blading, catching up with friends, and some good people watching. We'll get out our banners, pass out popsicles and enjoy the fun of being church in an eclectic and active neighborhood. The Discover Band will also play. Come enjoy the fun! Please join in after second service that day, and sign up if you can help out after church. Plan your route to church and parking accordingly (enter the Intermedia Arts lot from Aldrich, no access to TruStone). Donations are also welcome to help cover the cost of providing this ministry to the neighborhood. This is a great chance to connect to the neighborhood! For more information or questions, please contact Josh Jorstad, jjorstad@gmail.com or 715-505-2345.

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, May 12. For more information or to be added to the email list, contact Anna Bliss at akb@pobox.com



Welcoming Immigrants

Immigrant Welcoming Congregations Organizing for ACTION

Whether you choose to take action by writing letters, making phone calls, attending vigils or marching in the streets, WE NEED YOU.

The SpringHouse Sanctuary Task Force is organizing a list of folks who want to be informed when an action is needed. As immigrant communities are being threatened by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) agents and undocumented individuals are being detained and deported at record levels, we are called to respond.

To sign up to be part of the SpringHouse Immigrant Welcoming Action Team, please sign up with your name and email address at Springhouse, or contact Mary at mandmvanderford@gmail.com. You will receive occasional emails. Again, you will choose the level of action you feel comfortable with.

We hope and trust that this will be a meaningful part of our collective work for immigrant justice in Minnesota.



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! There is one last concert this spring. More information at caritasvocalensemble.org.

- ◆ Sunday, April 29, 3 pm – benefiting Cherish All Children Valley of Peace Lutheran, 4735 Bassett Creek Dr., Golden Valley

Sunday School and Children’s Ministry

Celebrate Another Year of Sunday School!

Be sure to attend the special all-SpringHouse worship service on Sunday, May 20 at 10:30 (no early service that day) for a celebration of Sunday School, with a community meal to follow. During Sunday School time in May, kids and leaders will be preparing to lead and participate in the special service with songs and stories. Thank you to all who helped and participated in SpringHouse Sunday School this year.

South Minneapolis Day Camp–June 18-22!

Registration is now open for the South Minneapolis Day Camp, to be held the week of June 18-22 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. For a registration form, visit <http://oursavioursmpls.org/day-camp.html> or talk with Pastor Rhonda.

Sunday School News

Godly Play: The stories coming up in our Godly play curriculum are Paul’s Discovery on April 29 and Pentecost on May 6. The children will create a Godly Play story on May 13.

Wish List. Part of transitioning to the Godly Play curriculum is acquiring some materials. We are in search of **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.)

Youth News

SpringHouse Youth
Join us at 9:15 am on Sundays
for fun and conversations!

Our Next Reformation Confirmation
Sunday May 6, 1– 4 pm
Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church
2315 Chicago Ave., Minneapolis
End of the Year Celebration!

One Last April Event!

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.

Upcoming Youth Activities

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

Sunday, May 6 after worship

Stenciling Storm Drains for Earth Day

We’ll be going through the neighborhood stenciling storm drains. Please bring gloves and clothes you can get dirty!

Sunday, May 13, 10:30 am

Youth Led Worship at First Christian

Because of the April snowstorm, youth Sunday at First Christian was postponed. Please join us for this ministry!

Saturday, May 19, 8pm–Sunday May 20

Youth Lock-In

We’ll enjoy time together overnight at SpringHouse. Eat dinner with family beforehand! We’ll play games, and have snacks, fellowship, and worship throughout the night. Please bring sleepwear and clothes for church the next morning (it’ll be Pentecost Sunday and be a Joint Worship Service!), yourself, and a friend. Also, there will be space for those that need their sleep

Calendar

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
	4/29	12:00 pm	SpringHouse Board
Tue	5/1	8:15 am	Lectionary Bible Study at Walker Home

Week of May 6

Sun	5/6	8:30 am	Traditional Service
	5/6	9:15 am	Sunday School and Youth
	5/6	9:40 am	Adult Ed
	5/6	10:30 am	Jazz Service
	5/6	11:45 am	Youth- Drain Stenciling
	5/6	12:00 pm	Children's Ministry Team
	5/6	1:00 pm	Confirmation Meeting
Tue	5/8	8:15 am	Lectionary Bible Study at Walker Home
	5/8	5:15 pm	Simpson Shelter Meal
Sat	5/12	9:00 am	Women's March Huddle Group

Week of May 13

Sun	5/13	8:30 am	Traditional Service
	5/13	9:15 am	Sunday School and Youth
	5/13	9:40 am	Adult Ed
	5/13	10:30 am	Jazz Service
	5/13	12:00 pm	Green Team
Tue	5/15	8:15 am	Lectionary Bible Study at Walker Home
Wed	5/16	6:30 pm	Salem Executive Committee
	5/16	7:00 pm	Salem Council
Sat	5/19	8:00 pm	Youth Lock-In

Week of May 20

Sun	5/20	No Traditional Service
	5/20	9:15 am Sunday School and Youth
	5/20	9:40 am Adult Ed.
	5/20	10:30 am Shared SpringHouse Worship
	5/20	12:00 pm SpringHouse Picnic
Mon	5/21	10:00 am Sanctuary Switch
	5/21	6:45 pm Building & Grounds
Tue	5/22	8:15 am Lectionary Bible Study at Walker Home
Wed	5/23	6:30 pm Theology on Tap at The Lynhall
Thu	5/24	5:30 pm Youth Third Thursday Turnout

Week of May 27

Sun	5/27	8:30 am Traditional Service
	5/27	9:15 am Informal Sunday School
	5/27	10:30 am Jazz Service
Tue	5/29	8:15 am Lectionary Bible Study at Walker Home



May 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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| Melissa Anderson – 5/1 | Frank Buzzell – 5/17 |
| Sandy Block – 5/5 | Chris Nordeen – 5/19 |
| LaVina Giinther – 5/6 | Ava Melton-Meaux – 5/20 |
| Emily Chesley – 5/12 | Rae Buzzell – 5/23 |
| Scott Rusten – 5/12 | |

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Salem Calendar on the Salem Website

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



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