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Salem English Lutheran Church

April 2019



The Upper Room

In my announcements I have been telling people that if you are normally someone who makes Maundy Thursday worship part of your Holy Week, that this year should be no exception. I have also been telling people that if Maundy Thursday worship is not something you normally take part in or even knew was a “thing”, that this year you want to make sure you make it a “thing”. You see, we are going to take part in an Upper Room Worship Experience.

What on earth is an Upper Room Worship Experience Pastor Rhonda? Well, imagine the garden sanctuary set up with the altar in front but instead of rows of chairs, you have tables set in a “U”. There is fabric covering the tables and chairs to make it feel like a “home” and not the sanctuary we are so used to. The tables are set with candles, bread, and wine. As we enter, we will be transported to another time and place—to a room where Jesus sat with his friends, his disciples, on the night he would be betrayed. Worship will take place as we join together in a meal of Mediterranean meat, cheese, salad, and even wine. We will listen to scripture, sing, pray, and mark the important and meaningful parts of Maundy (Commandment) Thursday together as a family around the table. As the meal, and our worship, comes to an end, we will remove the candles, the fabrics, and all of the other markers of worship as we strip the altar and prepare our hearts from Good Friday.

But isn't Maundy Thursday supposed to be somber? Yes, and not necessarily. Maundy Thursday is the night we come together to remember Jesus' commandments to us. To love, to eat, to drink, and to remember. It is a time to hear the words of absolution for the first time since Ash Wednesday. It is a time to gather as a community, just as Jesus and his friends did so long ago, to be together, to share faith, to pray, and to remember. It is a time to remember Jesus' journey to the cross. But we also must remember we are Easter People. We, unlike those who gathered with Jesus that night, have the promise of an empty tomb that awaits us at the end of Holy Week.

What is an Upper Room Worship Experience? Some call it an Agape Feast—a Love Feast. It is a chance for us to gather as a faith community—each and every one of us, to remember all of these things...the journey to Jerusalem, the meal with his disciples, the betrayal, the cross, the tomb, the victory that lies beyond the tomb, and the LOVE of a God that was in all of it.

Please consider making Maundy Thursday part of your Holy Week this year. You will receive an invitation this coming week and we will ask you to RSVP for planning purposes. We will also ask for donations and volunteers.

We are halfway through our wilderness journey of Lent. Easter is just around the corner. I pray you find blessing in your wanderings and hope in the promise of what is to come!

Peace,

Pastor Rhonda

Got Change? Make Change!

\$2 per day is more than 10 percent of people around the globe have to live on. An individual gift of this amount can help, and setting it aside is a powerful reminder of what our neighbors face. During Lent, use a coin jar wrapper to collect



change at home. Then bring it to worship on April 14 or 21 as a special offering.

Holy Week and Easter Schedule: Come Worship With Us!

- ◆ Wednesdays April 3 & 10, join us for soup and Holden Evening Prayer Around the Cross. (Don't miss worship planning after service on April 10) Details inside.
- ◆ Maundy Thursday Upper Room Worship Experience Thursday April 18 at 6:30 pm.
- ◆ Good Friday Worship April 19 at 7 pm.
- ◆ Easter Sunday Worship at 8:30 am and 10:30 am.
- ◆ Easter Sunday Pancake Breakfast between services from 9 am–10:15 am.

Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

Salem News



Easter at Salem

You are invited to join us on Sunday April 21 as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord—Easter Sunday! Come for worship at 8:30 am and 10:30 am, and make sure to join us between services for a fantastic pancake breakfast hosted by our youth and their families.

Then join us each week during the season of Easter (all the way through May) as we look at what it means to be church in light of an empty tomb. We have been waiting patiently in the wilderness—soon it will be time to proclaim, “HE is RISEN!” Come be part of the celebration.

Easter Flowers

If you'd like to donate Easter flowers to beautify our worship space, please fill out the form in the bulletin or contact the Salem office (612-472-4651 or office@discoversalem.org by April 7.



These flowers can be given in honor or memory of someone if you choose, and you can take them home or give them away as cool Easter gifts. Due to fragrance sensitivities, we will NOT be offering Easter lilies as an option this year; our apologies for any disappointment this may cause.



Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap will be taking a break until after Lent. In the meantime, join us for soup suppers and Holden Evening Prayer on Wednesday evenings and watch for information about the return of Theology on tap in May.

Worship Planning Opportunity

Be part of the process! Join us to help plan worship.

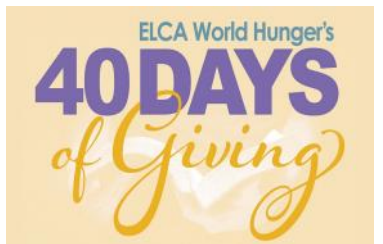
Wednesday April 10, 6:30 pm: Join us to shape our summer worship experience.

We need to look at our schedule for summer... time, place, and themes. Don't let your opportunity to have a voice pass by.



Seasons of Giving

Pray, fast and give during ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving - for the good of our families, our neighbors and communities around the world.



The world provides enough food for all, but more than 800 million people around the world face chronic hunger. We believe in a God of abundance, so as a church, we live out our call in baptism to strive for a just world where all are fed. ELCA World Hunger is our church's ministry to end hunger and poverty. We walk alongside our partners and companions in the United States and more than 60 other countries. Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger address hunger and poverty around the world with creative and courageous action. How to give:

- Make checks payable to Salem and write “40 Days of Giving” on the memo line. (Special envelopes are available in the sanctuary.)
- Use the **Coin Jar Wrapper** handed out in worship and available in the sanctuary to collect change for the duration of Lent and bring them to worship on Palm Sunday (April 14) or Easter (April 21) as a special offering.
- ONLINE Give online with a credit card at ELCA.org/40Days

More News

Maudy Thursday Upper Room

Join us for this meaningful worship together. Watch for an invitation and opportunity to RSVP in the coming weeks. Then sign-up to help make this worship a success by being part of the set-up or



clean up crew or part of the worship itself. Finally, if you are willing to donate items for our meal, or make a monetary donation to help purchase items for our meal, you will see a sign-up come your way in the weeks to come.

Be part of this unique worship experience and our life together in this place.

Wednesday Evenings

Join us Wednesdays in Lent for soup at 5:30 pm, Holden Evening Prayer Around the Cross at 6 pm, followed by Bible study, planning, and conversation at 6:30 pm.



After soup and worship, join us each week for:

April 3: Let's dig into Bible study! Join us for an informal deeper dive into Jesus journey to the cross.

April 10: Join us as we look ahead and dream about worship in the summer. We will be looking at our schedule as well as our worship practices.

Salem's Responsible for Soup and Serving

On Wednesday April 3, Salem is responsible for preparing, bringing, serving, and cleaning up after soup. We will need 2-3 pots of soup (one vegetarian option) and at least 3-4 people to help serve and clean up. If you are able to help, please contact Pastor Rhonda or Laurie Z in the office—or sign up during worship next week.



Seasons of Giving in May

As we look ahead toward summer, we will take the month of May to talk about our big summer ministry opportunities. Day Camp, Summer Camp, and our Servant Trip to South Dakota will take center stage and you will hear how you can help support these amazing opportunities!



During Lent, Salem has been fortunate to have this beautiful quilted cross to adorn the sanctuary. The wall hanging is the work of Linda Hanson's sister, Patsy Larson.

Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) Preparation

Confirmation students—make sure to mark your calendars for the following two mini retreats.

- Sunday March 31 from 12 pm to 3 pm.
- Saturday April 13 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.
- Saturday May 4 from 9:30 am–12 pm.



Confirmation Sunday will be Sunday May 13 and we are looking forward to the opportunity to prepare with you. We are excited to welcome you as adult members of Salem Lutheran Church!

SpringHouse News

Save the Date for 2019 Day Camp!



South Minneapolis day camp is a progressive ecumenical summer day camp experience offering faith formation in a fun, safe, Christ-centered and relational setting. Our theme this year is **"Come to the Table."** We will explore food justice, creation care, radical welcome, communion, and being part of a global community as we play, pray, do art, sing and learn together!

Dates: June 17-21, from 9 am-4 pm each day

Ages: Entering K - Entering 8th grade (separate tracks for elementary and middle schoolers)

Where: Bethel Lutheran Church, 4120 17th Ave S, Minneapolis

More information about registering for camp will be coming soon.

From the Building Coordinator...

Parking is tough, but at least the snow is melting!

Did you know...?

- ◆ The parking lot between SpringHouse and the Greenleaf apartment building is owned by Greenleaf.
- ◆ The only Greenleaf parking spaces that are always "ours" are the 7 spaces marked with the small sign that says SpringHouse. This includes Sunday mornings. If any of the other spots - besides the ones that are 24 hour reserved - are open, we may use them, but they are not exclusively ours to use.
- ◆ If you don't already have one, parking stickers/hang tags are available from the Building Use Coordinator Deb Murphy. They aren't absolutely necessary, but it is a good idea to have one.
- ◆ Since Intermedia Arts no longer exists, neither does our arrangement to use that parking lot on Sunday mornings. Michael Vanderford is pursuing this possibility with the new owners of that building.
- ◆ As a reminder, we may use the Trustone lot on Sunday mornings. They just ask that we leave the spot closest to the door available for any customers who might stop to use the ATM just inside that door. We have been granted use of the space until 1 pm. After that, unless special arrangements have been made by Deb Murphy, your car may be towed.

Share-the-Care on Saturday, April 6

Come for doughnuts, fellowship, and sharing the care for our SpringHouse building on Saturday, April 6, starting at 8 am. In addition to our annual carpet shampoo marathon by Glenn Crown, Mike Cackoski, Erica Larson, Shannon Fast, and Michael Vanderford, we have need for volunteers to help with:

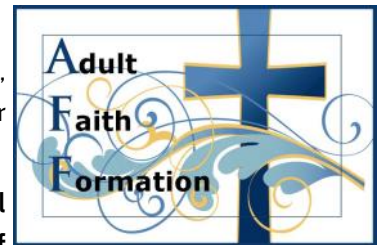


- ◆ Kitchen Cleaning (Pat Dunlop, lead)
- ◆ Creating four emergency information/equipment stations (Jon Hanke, lead)
- ◆ Sunday school commons (Squiggle Space) cleaning (April Conlee, lead)

For further information contact Salem Building Committee representatives Erica Larson and Jon Hanke.

Adult Faith Formation

Join in our Sunday adult study, with topics from member feedback!



March 31, April 7: Social Justice Through The Eyes of Prophets You May Not Know (or remember...)

For our Lenten study, our focus will be on some of the prophets that we forget about or may not know about, and how they underpin social justice.

April 28, May 5, 12: Human Geography of Palestine

We hear a lot of things in the news about the situation in Israel and Palestine. What's the Biblical history that connects the dots, how does it relate to the Bible and modern history?

June 2 & 9: Is My Muslim Neighbor's God the Same as My God?

Guest speakers TBA.

June 16, 23, 30, July 7 & 14: Myths, Leviticus, and Us

Pastor Laurie of First Christian will lead us through a study on Leviticus, helping us examine some common myths and how people use the Bible to 'justify' certain positions.

Reaching Out ...

SpringHouse Joint Servant Trip

Last Call to join us this summer in South Dakota! *Our first real servant team meeting will be Sunday April 28 at 12 pm.* If you have thought about joining us—this is the last chance to get on board. Talk to Pastor Rebecca or Pastor Rhonda to get your name on the list!



Not joining us, but want to be part of this servant opportunity?

Mark your calendars for TWO amazing opportunities to learn and give. The South Dakota Servant Team will be hosting two meals where you can experience food, fun, and even some learning in May and June. Watch for details to come and join us for lunch!



- Sunday May 19 following our Joint SpringHouse Worship
- Sunday June 9 (Pentecost Sunday) at 11:45 am

Support Families in Sanctuary



As a Sanctuary-Supporting/ Immigrant Welcoming Church, we are working with other faith communities in South Minneapolis who are providing sanctuary at this time. **One very pressing need is**

help with the cost of food. Specifically, we can support families by donating Cub Food gift cards. You are invited to buy Cub Food cards and place them in the offering plates on Sunday. They will then be delivered to churches hosting sanctuary families. Thank you for your support in this ever important ministry!

Simpson Shelter Meal

Our next opportunity to serve the evening meal at Simpson Shelter will be Tuesday, April 2. We gather at Simpson United Methodist Church, 28th St. and First Ave., to prepare and serve the meal at 7 pm. Please sign up on the info table or with Mary (mandmvanderford@gmail.com)

An Evening of Fun and Helping the Environment!

Put Saturday, April 6 on your calendar to hear Tom Neilson, folk singer, activist, and storyteller entertain at SpringHouse. This concert, which starts at 7 pm in the South Sanctuary, is a fundraiser to stop the Line 3 Pipeline, co-sponsored by MN350 and Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light. Tom Neilson is a witty, warm, and very funny musician and satirist who will have us laughing and enjoying his music in a performance that will remind us of what is really important and the power of folk music to say it. Suggested donation is \$10-30.



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 7, 2019 at 3:00 pm**
 Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church
 2020 W. Lake of the Isles Parkway.
 Minneapolis, MN 55405
 Beneficiary: Our Saviour's Community Services
- ◆ **Friday, April 12, 2019 at 7:00 pm**
 Valley Community Presbyterian Church
 3100 Lilac Drive.
 Golden Valley, MN 55422
 Beneficiary information TBA
- ◆ **Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 3:00 pm**
 St. John's Lutheran Church
 4842 Nicollet Ave.
 Minneapolis, MN 55419
 Beneficiary: Trust Parish Nursing

Sunday School and Children's Ministry



Godly Play News!

During Lent, we will explore The Faces of Easter. Each week, a different story will focus on the different phases of Jesus's life and ministry. In March the children heard about boy Jesus in the Temple with the scholars,

Jesus in the desert for 40 days, and healing the blind person. For April, the stories will be about the Last Supper, and the One who Was and Still Is—sounds mysterious, yes? Also during Lent, there will be a hopscotch as a choice during work/reflection time that will grow bigger each week—by Easter will be a recognizable shape. What could it be?

Children's Ministry Team

The Children's Ministry Team meets on the first Sunday of the month at noon in the Sunday school space. Our next meeting will be Sunday, April 7.

It's Time for Peeps Dioramas!

For our next intergenerational event we will be creating dioramas with Peeps. Start saving shoe boxes or other similar sized boxes for this project. We will create the dioramas on Palm Sunday, April, 14. Suggested themes are a favorite parable or Bible story, social justice action, etc. You many also create one at home and bring it in on April 14. .



Questions about Sunday School?

Contact April Conlee (april.conlee@gmail.com) or Pastor Rhonda (revrhonda@discoversalem.org)

Save the Date for Day Camp!

See the article on p. 4 for information on South Minneapolis Day Camp. Be sure to save the week of June 17-21.

Youth News

Youth-led Worship Services

- ◆ Sunday, April 28 at First Christian Church
- ◆ **Sunday, May 5 at Salem English Lutheran Church**
- ◆ Sunday, May 12 at Lyndale UCC

Youth are going to be leading worship this Spring 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.

Sunday Mornings

Youth group meets every Sunday 9:30-10:20am in the Micah room, (no meeting March 31) All high school and middle school youth welcome

Easter Breakfast—Sunday, April 21, 9-10:15 am

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

There will be gluten-free and vegetarian options available.



Calendar

Week of March 31

Sun	3/31	8:30 am	Traditional Worship
	3/31	9:15 am	Sunday School and Youth
	3/31	9:30 am	Adult Ed
	3/31	10:30 am	Jazz Worship
	3/31	12:00 pm	Confirmation Mini-Retreat
Tue	4/2	8:15 am	Lectionary Bible Study at Walker Home
	4/2	5:15 pm	Simpson Shelter Meal
Wed	4/3	5:30 pm	Soup Supper
	4/3	6:00 pm	Lenten Holden Evening Prayer
	4/3	6:30 pm	Bible Study
Sat	4/6	8:00 am	Share the Care
	4/6	7:00 pm	Tom Neilson concert

Week of April 7

Sun	4/7	8:30 am	Traditional Worship
	4/7	9:15 am	Sunday School and Youth
	4/7	9:30 am	Adult Ed
	4/7	10:30 am	Jazz Worship
	4/7	12:00 pm	Children's Ministry Team
Tue	4/9	8:15 am	Lectionary Bible Study at Walker Home
Wed	4/10	5:30 pm	Soup Supper
	4/10	6:00 pm	Lenten Holden Evening Prayer
	4/10	6:30 pm	Summer Worship Planning
Sat	4/13	9:30 am	Confirmation Mini-retreat

Week of April 14

Sun	4/14	PALM SUNDAY	
	4/14	8:30 am	Traditional Worship
	4/14	9:15 am	Intergenerational Peeps Diorama Event
	4/14	10:30 am	Jazz Worship
Tue	4/16	8:15 am	Lectionary Bible Study at Walker Home
Thu	4/18	6:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship
Fri	4/19	7:00 pm	Good Friday Worship

Week of April 21

Sun	EASTER SUNDAY		
	4/21	8:30 am	Traditional Easter Worship
	4/21	9:00 am	Easter Breakfast
	4/21	10:30 am	Jazz Easter Worship
Mon	4/22	6:45 pm	Building & Grounds
Tue	4/23	8:15 am	Lectionary Bible Study at Walker Home
Wed	4/24	6:30 pm	Salem Council

Week of April 28

Sun	4/28	8:30 am	Traditional Worship
	4/28	9:15 am	Intergenerational Earth Day Event
	4/28	10:30 am	Jazz Worship
Tue	4/30	8:15 am	Lectionary Bible Study at Walker Home

“We are a Spirit-led, welcoming, and bold Christian community, rooted in the neighborhood and striving to live faithfully in God’s world.”

Salem Mission Statement


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 | |

Earth Day Celebration

Join the Green Team on Sunday April 28 for an intergenerational opportunity to celebrate Earth Day. There will be activities for everyone and we hope to see all of our children, youth, and families there!






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