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Salem English Lutheran Church

Late February-March 2020



## Learning to Share

Learning to share is hard. I did not really understand how hard it is to share until I became a parent. Oh, I remember being a young child and having real feelings about sharing things with my little brother, sure. But it wasn't until I had my own toddler that I really saw the agonizing process that learning to share really is. I can still picture Clark's tiny fists clenched at his side, his face scrunched into as angry of a face as he could muster, and his little feet stomping back and

forth...all before he ran across the room and threw himself face down into the couch and cried. It was time to share...and he wasn't having any of it.

It's normal. Sharing is hard. As we get older, we usually trade literally clenching our fists and stomping our feet for metaphorically doing these things...usually. But it doesn't always get easier.

"But it's not stewardship season, Pastor Rhonda, why are we talking about sharing?" Well, that may or may not be true, but it is true that the kind of sharing I am talking about is less about clenching our fists in anger and maybe more about clenching our fists in fear.

You would probably not be surprised to hear that Christians are sharing their faith less. Interestingly, the percentage of Christians who think it is their responsibility to share their faith has gone up and is much higher than the percentage of Christians who actually do share their faith.

Part of this is, I'm sure, due to the fact that many of us are taught from a very early age that religion is a taboo topic for polite society. It could also stem from cultural, religious, and familial traditions. But for whatever reason, the general trend tells us that we struggle to share our faith with others.

But what if we did? What would it look like? Some of us were able to practice sharing different parts of our faith story in adult faith formation in January. It was fun to answer questions about why we come to church, where we first went to church, what our religious traditions might have been as a child. It was fun...and we learned a lot about people we thought we already knew pretty well.

The world we live in is filled with a lot of things that make us feel frustrated, hopeless, and angry. We talk about the news,

politics, and a whole host of other things on a daily basis with family, friends, and co-workers that often leave us feeling overwhelmed.



What if we started to have more conversations about our faith, our church, and our faith community...even little ones...on a more regular basis? What would it look like? What effect might it have?

Uh-Oh, is she talking about evangelism? Yes...but not in the sense of trying to convert or get people to come to church, the scary kind of evangelism. It is the kind of evangelism that just wants to share part of the story that lifts us and fills us in our own lives. What if we told someone about the great worship service or event that our church just had? What if we shared about a servant project or organization that our church just worked with? What if we shared a God moment with someone outside of church circles?

I can only imagine if Christians everywhere made a conscious effort to have more of these simple conversations about this thing that is so important in our lives...our faith and our church.

Salem friends, our church is a vibrant, living, loving community full of people of great faith. We have a wonderful worship tradition and fun and meaningful events that help us to live into our identity as followers of Jesus...why wouldn't we want to share a little bit about it with the people in our lives?

Our challenge this year is to SHARE. Now...go...share...make a difference!

Blessings!

Pastor Rhonda

### Important Dates for your Calendar!

- ♦ Sunday February 16: Paraguay Servant trip Fundraising Lunch at 11:30 am
- ♦ Sunday February 23: Intergenerational Event—SERVICE! 9:30 am in the gathering space
- ♦ Monday February 24: Sanctuary Switch 9 am–11 am
- ♦ Tuesday February 25: Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper at 6 pm
- ♦ Wednesday February 26: Ash Wednesday Worship at 7 pm
- ♦ Wednesdays March 4–April 1: Lenten Soup Supper at 6:30 pm/Worship at 7 pm



## Salem News



### Lent at Salem

Lent begins in less than two weeks—so make sure to mark your calendars and join us for this wonderful season of the church.

**LENT** Sundays in Lent we will worship at our regular times and will journey to the cross in the gospel of Mark. We will also turn our attention to some of the ELCA World Hunger 40 days of giving studies and meditations.

#### Wednesdays in Lent:

- ♦ **Ash Wednesday—February 26:** Worship at 7 pm with holy communion and imposition of ashes.
- ♦ **Wednesdays March 4 through April 1:** Light Soup Supper at 6:30 pm and Worship at 7 pm. We will be using Holden's Prayer Around the Cross as a base for this simple and meaningful mid-week service.

#### Holy Week:

- ♦ **Maundy Thursday Upper Room Experience—April 9:** Worship around the table at 6:30 pm. Don't miss this amazing worship and fellowship experience. Watch for details to come soon about RSVPing, volunteering, and donating items to make this experience a success.
- ♦ **Good Friday—April 10:** Worship at 7 pm gathered at the foot of the cross with scripture, prayer and song.

### Sanctuary Switch

The next Sanctuary Switch will be Monday, February 24, at 10 am. (But we really start around 9 am to get out earlier) Salem will be moving to the South Sanctuary for Lent and Easter. We are looking for lots of help and some creative minds to make this happen!



### Seasons of Giving



This Lent you are again invited to join with fellow supporters to study, pray, and give during ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving. Experience how the grace of Christ moves us to engage in transformative works of love around the world as God calls us into the ministry of hope, liberation, and restoration for our world.

Lent is a time of reflection and repentance, of sacrifice and self-examination. But Lent is also a season of hope—hope in the work God is doing in the world, even in the most challenging times.

From Zimbabwe to California and South Carolina to Kenya, ELCA World Hunger is changing lives. Through our support we help make change!

#### 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 5) or Easter (April 12) as a special offering.
- ♦ **ONLINE** Give online with a credit card at [ELCA.org/40Days](https://www.elca.org/40Days)

### Devotional Calendar

Make sure to pick up your 40 Days of Giving Lenten Devotional Calendar when you come to worship!



## More News



And the Winners are...



We finally got to eat chili! As you know, we had to reschedule our 2020 Chili Cook-Off from January to February due to Minnesota weather. The good news is that the chili was still delicious in February and the fellowship was fantastic.

This years winners brought their A-Game and all three have placed in years before. Our first place chili was a chicken chili brought by Rae Buzzell (who took first place with a completely different protein last year!). Our second place winner was Rejene Giinther with an altered version of her beef chili (with a kick) that has now earned her second place two years in a row. And our third place winner was Paul Wharton with a beef chili that wowed. It is fair to say that the voting was very close and there were other chili's that were also worthy of prizes! Honorable mentions need to be sent out to Diann Uzelac who came to compete with a shredded pork Wisconsin chili that was delicious and Michelle Ruppert who entered a fantastic ground beef and veggie chili.

Thanks to everyone who brought chili and all those who came to eat. It was a great event with great people and we look forward to next year (in January) when someone new might make a play for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>!

### 3rd Annual FAT Tuesday (Mardi Gras) Celebration

Coming soon! 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 making pancakes! It's the traditional last "Huzzah" before Lent– the season of repentance, reflection, and walking with Jesus.



What you need to know:

- ◆ Date: Tuesday, February 25
- ◆ Time: 6 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.

### Greeters in March



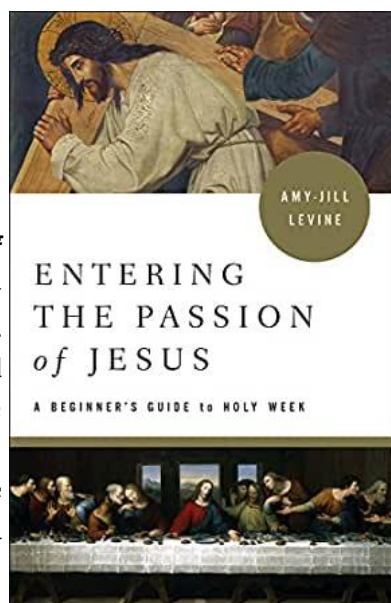
We're the greeters at the main SpringHouse doors before the 10:30 am services all through the month of March. Please sign up for a Sunday; welcome others, point them to a congregation/sanctuary, be a friend. And don't forget what an important security piece this is! Can you help out with this really important job?



# SpringHouse News

## Adult Faith Formation

Join us during Lent for a wonderful video series by Dr. Amy Jill Levine.



In *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week*, author, professor and Biblical scholar Dr. Amy-Jill Levine delves into the history and literature surrounding the last days of Jesus' life. Levine sets the narrative in historical context and analyzes the risks and motives of the story's characters.

Join us March 1 - April 5 on Sunday mornings in the gathering space at 9:30 am. All are welcome and no experience necessary! Come join the fun and conversation.

## Servant Trip Fundraising Lunch

Plan to enjoy a meal at a series of fundraising lunches for the SpringHouse Servant Trip to Paraguay this year. *(Salem has several members going and they need your support!)* The first lunch, featuring chili with a vegetarian option will be on Sunday, February 16 following worship in the Gathering Space. Two more lunches on March 22 and May 17 will also benefit the trip. Come and support our travelers as they go to learn and serve this summer!



# SpringHouse Ministry Center

## Another way to Support Families in Sanctuary!

Our decision to become a Sanctuary-Supporting/ Immigrant Welcoming Church has led us to network with other faith communities in South Minneapolis who are providing sanctuary at this time..One need is to help with the cost of food. Specifically, we can support families living in sanctuary by donating \$50.00 gift cards for Cub Foods and Aldi. SO - YOU - MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF OUR THREE SPRINGHOUSE CHURCHES - ARE INVITED TO BUY gift cards and place them in the offering plates on Sunday. The gift cards will be delivered to South Minneapolis Sanctuary Coalition by Pastor Rebecca Voelkel of Lyndale UCC. Thanks for considering this request.



## From the Building Coordinator

Did you know that the SpringHouse calendar is online? This is a great communication tool, and an excellent way to quickly check if there is space in the building for your meeting or event. Find it at this link: <https://calendar.churchchart.com/calendar/73956030>

However, rentals that are still pending will not show up in the calendar, so if you need to reserve a room, please contact Deb Murphy in advance (at least 24 hours, preferably more) at [SHcoordinator@fccmpls.org](mailto:SHcoordinator@fccmpls.org).

We can all help our building run smoothly by planning ahead!



## Reaching Out ...

### Simpson Shelter Meal



Our next opportunity to serve the evening meal at Simpson Shelter will be Tuesday, March 3. We gather at Simpson United Methodist Church, 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mandmvanderford@gmail.com))



### 2020 ZOOM House Gala

You're invited to the 2020 ZOOM House Gala, which will take place Saturday, March 21, 5:30 pm at the Marriot Minneapolis Northwest. For more than 20 years, ZOOM House has helped families coming out of homelessness find a warm welcome, hope, and a fresh start. Join us for dinner, silent and live auction, games and more! Your support goes a long way in helping our residents and ZOOM's growth. More information and tickets available at [www.thezoomhouse.org/gala-2020](http://www.thezoomhouse.org/gala-2020)

Don't think you can make it? Donate a silent auction item, consider sponsoring the event or make a monetary donation at [www.thezoomhouse.org/donate-2](http://www.thezoomhouse.org/donate-2)

Thank you for your continued support and partnership! We hope to see you at the gala!

### Grief Groups Meeting at SpringHouse

From January through April 2020, First Christian will be hosting the Downtown Coalition for Grief Support at SpringHouse on Saturdays from 9:30-11:30 am. All are welcome to attend.



The speakers educate on grief and healing, offer suggestions for coping, and share first-hand experiences in dealing with loss. The small group discussions give everyone a chance to express their feelings, remember loved ones, and talk about their journey. The weekly meetings are free and open to the public, regardless of religious affiliation.

More information at: <http://www.mplsgriefsupport.com/>

### Finishing Strong with LSS



Lutheran  
Social Service  
of Minnesota

During January and February we turned our season of giving focus on LSS. Thank you for the generous donations to fill welcome baskets for LifeHaven house in St. Paul during January! We made 3 complete baskets that will be delivered in the near future.

During February we turned toward their Therapeutic Foster Care program and **will still be collecting items for a few more weeks**. Take a look at the list below and bring any items you wish to donate to worship and place them in the box in the back of the sanctuary. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

#### Foster Care Wish List:

Backpacks and duffel bags, Toiletry bags, Bathroom supplies: soap, shampoo, lotion, deodorant, wide-tooth combs, hair brushes, toothbrushes and travel-sized toothpaste, Clothing: pajamas, socks and underwear, all sizes, Diapers: all sizes, School supplies: notebooks, folders, binders, pens and pencils, Art supplies and activity kits, Books, Board games, Small toys, Ear buds or headphones, Gift cards to movie theaters, iTunes, Target and more, Throw blankets, Winter clothing: hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, all sizes. (Please note that they can only accept new items.)

### 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.](http://caritasvocalensemble.org.)

#### FEBRUARY 15, 2020 AT 7:00 PM

Prospect Park Methodist Church  
22 SE Orlin Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55414  
Benefiting Partner: Simpson Housing

#### MARCH 15, 2020 AT 3:00 PM

Valley of Peace Lutheran Church  
4735 Bassett Creek Dr., Golden Valley, MN 55422  
Benefiting Partner: Cherish All Children

# Sunday School and Children's Ministry

## Godly Play Sunday School



If you stop in the Squiggle Space on any given Sunday, you will see our kids and some dedicated adults learning some of the great stories of the Bible. This winter we have been learning about Jesus life and some of the women of the Bible. We are also starting to work on some songs and stories for our joint worship service coming in May.

Here is what is coming in the weeks ahead!

- March 1: Mary and Martha
- March 8: Woman Anoints Jesus
- March 15: Palm Sunday Story and Lesson
- March 22: Last Supper
- March 29: Jesus is Betrayed
- April 5: Peeps! Intergenerational Event
- April 12: Easter-No Sunday School

## Intergenerational Event –Come Serve!

Join us on Sunday February 23, at 9:30 am for an intergenerational event focused on service projects for everyone. This event is for all of SpringHouse and will include opportunities to learn and do some simple service projects. We hope to see ALL of you there!



### Save the Date for 2020 Day Camp!



#### WATER is LIFE!

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 "WATER is LIFE!" We will explore water justice, creation care, baptism, water protectors, and water stewardship as we play, pray, do art, sing and learn together!

**Dates:** June 15-19, from 9 am-4 pm each day

**Ages:** Entering K - Entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade (High Schoolers can apply to be youth leaders too!)

**Where:** Bethel Lutheran, 4120 17<sup>th</sup> Ave S, Minneapolis

More information about registering for camp will be coming soon.

## Youth News



### Calling Parents and Youth!

Sunday February 23 at 12 pm-ALL youth and their parents are invited to join Lara for an important time of getting to know her and learning about what's happening in youth

ministry. Come and hear what's happening, share ideas, and make connections!

### Sunday Morning Youth Group

Youth group continues to meet every Sunday 9:15-10:20 am in the Micah room. All high school and middle school youth welcome! Don't miss this great opportunity for fun, friends, and faith!



### Upcoming Youth Activities

#### Sunday, February 23, 12 pm- Parent and Youth Meeting

Meet Lara and engage in conversation about youth ministry at SpringHouse.

#### Friday, February 29, Time TBA

#### Outing to St. Anthony Cinema

We'll be attending an evening showing of either Doolittle or Sonic the Hedgehog. (Vote and time coming soon!)

#### Friday-Saturday, March 20-21-Lock In-N-Out

Springhouse youth will be spending a whole 12 hours volunteering, going out as a group, and spending quality time on site.





# Calendar

## Week of February 16

Sun	2/16	8:30 am	Traditional Worship
	2/16	9:15 am	Sunday School and Youth
	2/16	9:30 am	Adult Ed
	2/16	10:30 am	Jazz Worship
	2/16	11:30 am	Servant Trip Fundraiser Lunch
Mon	2/17	6:45 pm	Building & Grounds
Tue	2/18	8:15 am	Lectionary Bible Study at SpringHouse
Wed	2/19	6:30 pm	Salem Council

## Week of February 23

Sun	2/23	8:30 am	Traditional Worship
	2/23	9:30 am	Intergenerational Service Event
	2/23	10:30 am	Jazz Worship
	2/23	12:00 pm	Parent and Youth Meeting
Mon	2/24	10:00 am	Sanctuary Switch
	2/24	6:45 pm	Building & Grounds
Tue	2/25	8:15 am	Lectionary Bible Study at SpringHouse
	2/25	6:00 pm	Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper
Wed	2/26	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship
Fri	2/29	TBA	Youth Movie Outing

## Week of March 1

Sun	3/1	8:30 am	Traditional Worship
	3/1	9:15 am	Sunday School and Youth
	3/1	9:30 am	Adult Ed
	3/1	10:30 am	Jazz Worship
Tue	3/3	8:15 am	Lectionary Bible Study at SpringHouse
	3/3	5:15 pm	Simpson Shelter Meal
Wed	3/4	6:30 pm	Soup Supper
	3/4	7:00 pm	Holden Prayer Around the Cross



## February / March 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.

Frank Marynak – 2/15	David Seiffert – 3/7
Ingrid Jorstad – 2/17	Sarah Sinderbrand – 3/8
LaVonne Sjogren – 2/17	Bettie Buzzell – 3/20
Austin Tollerson – 2/18	Bob Hlavinka – 3/28
Solveig Tollerson – 2/22	Matt Giinther – 3/31
Mary Patterson – 2/28	Linda Hanson – 3/31
Matt Potts – 3/4	

## Week of March 8

Sun	3/8	8:30 am	Traditional Worship
	3/8	9:15 am	Sunday School and Youth
	3/8	9:30 am	Adult Ed
	3/8	10:30 am	Jazz Worship
Tue	3/10	8:15 am	Lectionary Bible Study at SpringHouse
Wed	3/11	6:30 pm	Soup Supper
	3/11	7:00 pm	Holden Prayer Around the Cross

## Week of March 15

Sun	3/15	8:30 am	Traditional Worship
	3/15	9:15 am	Sunday School and Youth
	3/15	9:30 am	Adult Ed
	3/15	10:30 am	Jazz Worship
Mon	3/16	6:45 pm	Building & Grounds
Tue	3/17	8:15 am	Lectionary Bible Study at SpringHouse
Wed	3/18	6:30 pm	Soup Supper
	3/18	7:00 pm	Holden Prayer Around the Cross

Fri-Sat 3/20-21 Youth Lock-In-N-Out

## Week of March 22

Sun	3/22	8:30 am	Traditional Worship
	3/22	9:15 am	Sunday School and Youth
	3/22	9:30 am	Adult Ed
	3/22	10:30 am	Jazz Worship
	3/22	11:30 am	Servant Trip Fundraiser Lunch
Tue	3/24	8:15 am	Lectionary Bible Study at SpringHouse
Wed	3/25	6:30 pm	Soup Supper
	3/25	7:00 pm	Holden Prayer Around the Cross

## Week of March 29

Sun	3/29	8:30 am	Traditional Worship
	3/29	9:15 am	Sunday School and Youth
	3/29	9:30 am	Adult Ed
	3/29	10:30 am	Jazz Worship
Tue	3/31	8:15 am	Lectionary Bible Study at SpringHouse
Wed	4/1	6:30 pm	Soup Supper
	4/1	7:00 pm	Holden Prayer Around the Cross

## Daylight Saving Time Begins March 8

Don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour early Sunday morning, March 8.





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