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Worship

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. winter months
8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Memorial—Labor Day
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Continental Breakfast

April 5th, 10:15 a.m.
(served by the youth)



Easter Sunrise Service
7:00 a.m.



7:45 a.m.

Easter Breakfast

Easter Festival
Communion Service
9:00 a.m.



A Musician's Prayer

Oh Lord, please bless this music that it might glorify your name. May the talent that you have bestowed upon me be used only to serve you. Let this music be a witness to your majesty and love, and remind us that you are always watching, and listening, from your throne above. May your presence and beauty be found in every note, and may the words that are sung reach the hearts of your people so they will draw closer to you. May your Spirit guide us through every measure so that we might be the instruments of your peace, and proclaim your glory with glad voices. Amen

Office Notes

Salem Welcomes New Members

Salem welcomes people into our congregation as either associate or full members. Please contact the church office for more information. Please notify us also if you would like to be added to our "friends" list and to receive our newsletter.

Rebecca's Email

Rebecca Waterhouse is using this email address:

rlwaterhouse@arvig.net

Please contact her at this address!

TRANSFER OUT

Alice Soderberg
to Faith Lutheran Church
Forest Lake, MN

PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

We invite 4th and 5th graders to join our confirmation class for a three-session course on Holy Communion April 15, 22, & 29. Students gather for a snack or light meal at 6 p.m. followed by the class session from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. First Communion will be offered on Sunday, May 3rd for those who choose to participate.

THE LUTHERAN MAGAZINE

It is time to renew our subscription to The Lutheran. Members who wish to receive it should contact the office. If you wish to cancel your subscription please call the office at 363-2011. Thank you.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME DEVOTIONALS

You may pick up your April, May, June 2009 devotionals from the stand by the entrance. Large print booklets are also available. Take one for a friend.

Summer Worship Schedule

"...no matter how significant you are, it is only because of what you are a *part* of... What we have is one body with many parts...No part is important on its own. Can you imagine Eye telling Hand, 'Get lost; I don't need you'? Or, Head telling Foot, 'You're fired, your job has been phased out'? You are Christ's body—that's who you are! You must never forget this."

(1 Corinthians 12: 19ff/Message)

A report from the "Summer Worship Schedule Task Force" appears in this newsletter. The report summarizes information about our demographics, seating and parking capacity, attendance figures, worship styles, and viewpoints of worshipers. The task force welcomes additional viewpoints regarding Salem's worship schedule as it relates to the summer quarter when the two service schedule is in effect. Please submit your comments in writing together with your name to any member of the task force (Bob Alley, Hans Aagard, Jim Joiner, Doug Burgers, Carol Fox, Barbara Anderson, Kathy Joiner, and Bonnie Hockett).

Acolyte Schedule



"We light these candles to remind us that in worship Jesus is present with His light and life."

Sunday, April 5

9:00 a.m. Traditions/Communion
Tyler & Evan Daudt

Sunday, April 12

7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise
9:00 a.m. Easter Traditions
Amber & Zach Nornberg

Sunday, April 19

9:00 a.m. Communion
Jordan Loren & Andrea Semmler

Sunday, April 26

9:00 a.m. Traditions
Jacob & Felicia Murtley

(At "Contemporary Services" acolytes will NOT be wearing albs. On communion Sundays acolytes have the added duty of assisting the servers at each table with the pottery grape juice chalice. If you have any conflicts with any of these assignments, please substitute with someone else, and notify the church office.)



The first Sunday of each month is "Name Tag Sunday". Wearing name tags will help all of us, and especially newer members, to get to know each other better. THANKS!
The Evangelism Committee

Salem Council Highlights

March 7, 2008

“Seeking Clarity in Mission and Ministry”

Our Mission Statement:

“Celebrating Christ’s Love Through Hearts That Care and Hands That Share”
A Shared Vision for the Future to Which God Is Calling Us

Treasurer –The council approved a \$2,000 payment to the Synod Benevolence.

Pastor’s Report – Anyone interested in representing Salem as a delegate to the Synod Assembly is asked to contact Pastor John. The Synod Assembly convenes Friday, April 24th – Sunday, April 26th and will be held at Cragun’s Conference Center near Brainerd.

Worship Team - The Legacy Choral will be putting on a concert at Salem on April 25th.

Just a note – Because of the ice storms several of the committees’ meetings were canceled or postponed.

We always look forward to feedback from you –
Your council members will be *happy to talk to you* –
Come to the council meetings on the second Wednesday of each month.
Executive Committee, Bob Alley, President (363-2770)



Council Retreat at Camp Patmos — March 7th and 8th



Maundy Thursday

Resurrection means Reconciliation

What is Maundy Thursday, the Thursday of Holy Week all about? The word “Maundy” is a shortened version of the Latin word mandatum, which means commandment.

At the last Supper, Jesus gave his friends a new commandment. He told the disciples, “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another” (John 13:34, NRSV).

As Christians gather to eat and share Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday, we should make a special effort to exhibit our love and respect for one another. Let us seek out people whom we don’t naturally have affection for and express our wish that the living Christ may dwell in them and bless them.

Jesus’ resurrection is the very foundation of Christianity. If Christ had never been raised from the dead, we’d have no Christian religion.

God’s power was at work in Christ’s death and resurrection. “It was on the resurrection fact that the church was built,” said New Testament scholar James Stewart.

Paul understood that the resurrection was the bedrock of our Christian faith. “If Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain,” he wrote to the Corinthian church (1 Corinthians 15:14, NRSV). The apostle went on to say, “If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins” (verse 17).

The resurrection proves that Jesus is Lord and Savior. Its authenticity means that by faith in Christ, we are reconciled with God.

Billy Graham said the risen Christ is the bridge between us and God. “One of Christ’s hands holds the hand of God; his other hand holds ours,” said the evangelist.

Treasurer’s Report



General Fund

Beginning Balance Jan.1, 09	\$10,338.36
Income for January	9,525.23
Expenses for January	14,767.76
Ending Balance Jan. 31, 09	\$ 5,095.83
Beginning Balance Feb.1, 09	\$ 5,095.83
Income for February	11,215.89
Expenses for February	17,118.04
Ending Balance Feb. 28, 09	\$ (806.32)



Mortgage Update

Beg. Mortgage Balance	\$ 62,015.42
January payments:	
Principal	\$ 1,362.89
Additional Principal	553.12
Interest	297.11
Mortgage Balance	\$ 60,099.41
January 31, 2009	
Beg. Mortgage Balance	\$ 60,099.41
February payments:	
Principal	\$ 1,371.32
Interest	288.68
Mortgage Balance	\$ 58,728.09
February 28, 2009	

April's Special People



- 2 Jenny Seifert
- 3 Lee Wilberg
- 3 Sharon Gilsrud
- 4 Steven Daudt
- 5 Charles Ruebling
- 6 Roger Larson
- 6 Jim Ekberg
- 7 John Graham
- 7 Bettye Nelson
- 8 Crystal Lemster (Lewis)
- 9 Marilyn Holmer
- 9 Jordan Loren
- 9 Rebecca Waterhouse
- 10 Liz Pinz
- 11 Jill Loeffler
- 15 Merrill Bandemer
- 16 Dylan Wheeler
- 17 Eloise Rath
- 18 Tim Moore
- 19 Arland Benson
- 19 Cassandra Moe
- 19 Joshua Moe
- 19 Brandon Moe
- 20 Kaylee Bandemer
- 21 Kenneth Becker
- 21 Savannah Daudt
- 24 Herman Hohlen
- 25 Kelly Anderson (Dollins)
- 25 Annie Cribb
- 26 Avis Savre
- 27 Wade Sandstrom
- 27 Mackenzie Gross
- 28 Amanda Mix
- 28 Trent Mix
- 30 Pamela Edwards

Altar Guild

April

Diane Wiehle & Barb McCusky,
Co-Chairs
Ginger Minske, Pete Welcome,
Connie Olsen, Louise Daudt,
and Jackie Lorensen

Usher



Owen Higgins
(363-2411)

Happy Anniversary

- 4 Doug and Judy Johnson
- 8 Don and Barb McCuskey
- 8 Bill and Pat McKee
- 18 Ron and Diane Wiehle
- 20 James & Kathy Joiner
- 21 Owen and Eileen Higgins
- 23 Doug and Marilyn Jass
- 23 Bob and Joan Alley
- 25 Harland and Sara Johnson
- 28 Brad & Kay Ferris
- 29 Ken and Barbara Kostial



Sunday, April 12th

LILY



The lily that blooms around Easter is a symbol of Christ's resurrection, because it rises from a seemingly lifeless bulb decaying in the ground. It is also used as a symbol of Christ himself. The lily, a symbol of purity, is often used to represent the Virgin Mary.



RED HAT MAMAS

Ladies

The Red Hat Society (fun) luncheon will be held on Tuesday, April 14th at 12:30 p.m. at the Chase in Walker.

Menu: Shrimp Salad or Cajun Pasta Bowl for \$12.95 (drink, tax & tip included).

Call Barb Waldron at 587-3484 or Mary Jane Lewis at 363-2591 by Friday, April 10th to register.

Car pool from Salem at 11:30 a.m.



Please come to
Celebrate

Prayer Project Lifesavers' 6th Anniversary

Sunday, April 26th
10:00 a.m. following the service

Council will be serving brunch
Free Will Offering

We encourage youth & pray-ers to attend & continue building a meaningful relationship.

Mark your calendar!

Co-Educational Bone Building

Tuesdays & Fridays
9:00 a.m. Bone Building
Everyone Welcome!

**PASTOR'S
VACATION
DATES**



Pastor John will be on vacation from April 18-21. If you need a pastor call the church office. Evenings/weekends call Darold Daudt (363-2276) or Bob Alley (363-2770) for referral.

Synod Assembly

Thank you Bob & Joan Alley and Pastor John for representing Salem at the Synod Assembly on April 24-26 at Cragun's Resort in Brainerd.



**Thank You
Jubilee Team!**

We have all enjoyed your music these past years. Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm as we seek to revitalize our contemporary music ministry.



Women's Page

ATTENTION! Women of Salem

We now have our exciting events posted on a kiosk and the bulletin board. Check it out!! It is still a work in progress, but there is lots of information on all four sides!

Each month we will feature a Mission Kit and focus on gathering the items needed for it. This month we will work to get items for the HEALTH KITS. Stop at the kiosk and pick up a list of items for these kits. Due to the increased intensity of humanitarian crisis around the world Lutheran World Relief has received requests for Health Kits. *Remember Kits of all kinds are welcome.

There are a few other projects we are highlighting, too. More Fair Trade coffee and other items are offered for sale. Thanks! Mary Schmid

Martha Circle/Bible Study

Wednesday, April 1, 2009
at 9:00 a.m. at Carol's
309 Journey's End Road, Longville
Hostess: Carol Fox

Ruth Circle/Bible Study

Thursday, April 9, 2009
1:00 p.m. at Salem
Hostess: Diane Wiehle

Rebekah Circle/Bible Study

Thursday, April 30, 2009
6:30 p.m. at Salem

We INVITE all women to join us.



**Women of the ELCA booklets are available
from the table by the office.**

Coffee Drive



The Fellowship Committee is conducting a COFFEE DRIVE. You may donate the coffee of your choice, whether you get Free Trade Coffee or cans from the local store. All will be appreciated.



KNIT FOR KIDS

The Rebecca Circle
will be collecting Knit For Kids
sweaters in April.
Thank you so much
for all your gracious work.

Rejoice IN THE
LORD!



Mission Trip Planning—Jordan Loren, Caitlin Daudt, & Rebecca Waterhouse



Fair Trade Coffee is for Sale — see Evelyn Pflugshaupt



Community Lenten Soup Supper on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at Salem with 117 attending worship.



**Everybody,
Somebody,
Anybody,
and Nobody**



This is a little story about four people: Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done, and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

April 1st

I just remembered something...



...Today is April Fool's Day.

EASTER CARD

Many symbols remind us of Jesus' death and resurrection. This Easter, put some of those symbols on special cards. Then give the cards to other people to share the good news that Jesus is alive.

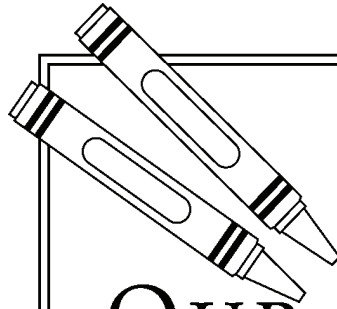
What you need:

- Craft foam
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Hot glue gun
- Empty food can without label
- Paint and paintbrush
- Paper plate
- Paper (8 1/2" x 11")
- Markers or crayons



What you do:

1. Choose some simple Easter shapes to draw on the craft foam (cross, empty tomb, heart, etc.).
2. Cut out each shape.
3. With an adult's help, glue the shapes onto the can.
4. Pour a thin layer of paint onto a paper plate.
5. Roll the can in the paint and then roll the can onto the paper.
6. Try this several times using different colors.
7. When your paper is dry, fold it into a card.
8. Write "Happy Easter!" or a Bible verse on the front of the card. Then give it to someone.

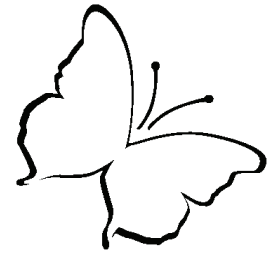


Just for KIDS

OUR LIVING HOPE

Easter is a time to rejoice because of what God did for us in sending his Son. Jesus is our living hope. Read 1 Peter 1:3-4 (NIV) below. Then find the **bold** words in the crossword search.

"Praise be to the **God** and **Father** of our **Lord Jesus Christ!** In his great **mercy** he has given us **new birth** into a **living hope** through the **resurrection** of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an **inheritance** that can **never perish, spoil or fade** — **kept in heaven** for you"



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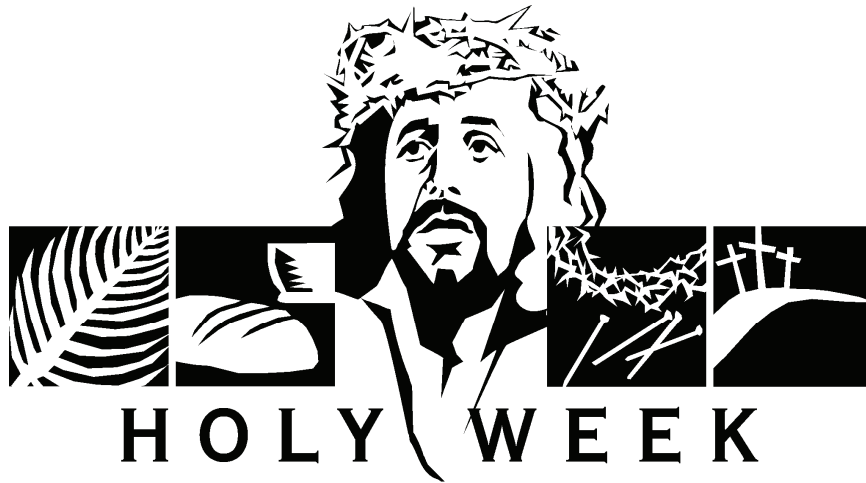
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Short Stories

Three boys are in the school yard bragging about their fathers. The first boy says, "My dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, He calls it a poem, they give him \$50."

The second boy says, "That's nothing. My dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, He calls it a song, they give him \$100."

The third boy says, "I got you both beat. My dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, He calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money!"

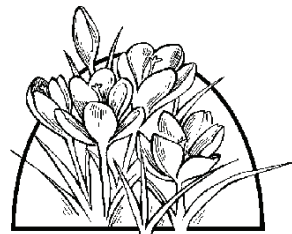


April 5	Palm Sunday Continental Breakfast	9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Served by LYO
April 9	Maundy Thursday Communion	7:00 p.m. Worship
April 10	Good Friday	7:30 p.m. Worship
April 12	Easter Sunrise Easter Breakfast	7:00 a.m. Worship 7:45 a.m. Served by the Men
April 12	Easter Festival Communion	9:00 a.m. Worship



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