



# The Church Bell

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### Prayer Project Lifesaver

Here is a sample of this group greeting the Salem faithful Sunday morning. L to R: Eileen Higgins, Hayley Hol, Anastasia Miller, Brittney Wolter, Carol Fox

**THANK YOU!**  
Salem Lutheran Church

raised:  
**\$768**

Thanks to your efforts this year, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed and the nation has seen the impact of people working together to help those in need.  
Thank you for working to transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

 **February 6, 2011**

*Tracy Bender*  
Tracy Bender  
President and CEO  
Souper Bowl of Caring

The results of Super Bowl 45 are already old news, but the lasting “Good News” is this: On Souper Bowl Sunday, Feb. 6th, Salem contributed \$361.21 in the Steelers soup pot and \$406.65 to the Green Bay Packers. That’s a record-breaking \$767.86 in Salem’s effort to tackle hunger in our area. Thank you again, to the very caring congregation of Salem.

# Rock the Jesus Boat

## Rebecca Waterhouse

A year ago my husband, Mark, and I visited “The Holy Land Experience” in Orlando, Florida. Some truth telling here: Most, if not all of you, may relate best to Mark, who was less than pleased about this “stop” on a packed trip, short on budget and time. However, the day before I had cleverly plotted against him, enthusiastically partaking in *his* favorite destination in the area. So when it was my turn to pick, the good man acquiesced.

Not that I didn’t have second thoughts at the ticket counter, where at my immediate right, I was jolted out of my “happy place” state of mind by a life-sized, cutout cardboard figure of Jesus.

In the near-empty park, we strolled over to an exhibit called the Jesus Boat. As Mark silently read the information pallets, my gaze was fixed on a sad, deformed hull of a boat. Then, a miracle! I heard someone who looks a lot like my husband say: “This...is cool.”

The Jesus Boat story follows in a nutshell: In 1986, a record drought that had substantially lowered the level of the Sea of Galilee revealed the remains of an ancient boat to two area fishermen, Yuval and Moishale Lofan. One of the brothers actually “stumbled upon some wood” and after some digging, the fishermen ascertained that the wood belonged to a boat. According to the brothers, a double rainbow appeared over the skies of Galilee after the find.

Respected archaeologists from around the world were summoned to properly excavate the fragile boat, as well as to confirm the boat’s age, using the Carbon-14 dating method. Most scholars now agree that the era during which the boat was built falls between 100 B.C. and 100 A.D. Archaeologists state that the “Jesus Boat” is the first near-complete boat ever to be found in the

Sea of Galilee, and though no one has the audacity to say Jesus may have used this boat, (truly, no one knows!) it certainly is representative of the boats used by the people in Jesus’ day.

To some, the boat is a “picture of Israel: a nation that was considered dead, submerged, but through His providence, re-established by God through a new generation as the nation of Israel.” (Heitzig: The Jesus Boat Revealed)

So what does the Jesus Boat analogy mean for us? We’re nowhere close to Galilee, but we *are* smack in the middle of fishing paradise in northern Minnesota. I think it means that we need to put some adventure back into our spiritual lives. Worship time is precious and sacred and I personally love it, but since there are still so many people around us not attending that one hour, are we throwing the net wide enough to transform others? You know what I’d like to see? I’d like to see us build a replica of the Jesus Boat, together with all ages and of course, after consulting with boat experts (and this area is blessed with many) for a meaningful project for all. Some people who feel uncomfortable in a formal church might, *just might*, be adventurous enough to partake in building a boat. And, *what a boat to build!* Some people may even surprise you and say: “This is...cool.” Honestly, I float this notion as just one idea which may or may not come to fruition; I am certain you all have many more ideas...better ones! But the fact is, we need to take some outside risks to transform hearts. We may even stumble a bit, as the Lofan brothers did, but remember, that is exactly where the treasure is.

God’s best to you all, Rebecca Waterhouse <>

## April Table Talk

What is a Healthy Congregation?

## Office Notes



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 monthly newsletter online or by email.

### BAPTISM

February 27, 2011

Brady Alexander Johnson

### SPECIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

April's monthly business meeting of the church council will be held on Tuesday, April 5th in lieu of the regularly scheduled second Wednesday, April 13th. On April 13th the council members will receive Pastor Scott Jacob, ELCA Synod representative, who will provide information on a Visioning Program available through the synod that is under consideration for use at Salem.



### CHRIST IN OUR HOME DEVOTIONALS

You may pick up your April, May, June 2011 devotionals from the stand by the entrance. Take one for a friend. Also we have *Our Daily Bread* devotionals and *Cass County Maps*.

### OPEN FORUM TOWN HALL MEETING

The next Open Forum Town Hall Meeting will be April 10th. The church council is requesting from members of the congregation suggested "discussion topics" for the meeting.

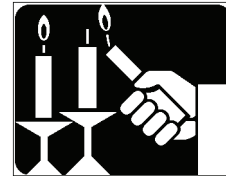
### INTERIM MINISTRY

My wife, Thea, has received a call to interim ministry in the Eastern ND Synod and will be serving in her present setting for the next 6 months or so. Although ND has some very good guidelines for interim contracts with respect to time off, this is an obvious lifestyle change for us. We are appreciative of the congregation's prayerful support as Thea begins this new venture. Pastor John

### Auction Items

If you have items that you want to give to the church for the annual auction you may come to the office for the key to the storage building. If you need help getting your items to the church please call the church office and someone will come out to pick-up your donation. Thank you!  
Property Management

### Acolyte Schedule



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

#### Sunday, April 3

9:00 a.m. *Traditions/Communion*  
Justin Wicks and Evan Daudt

#### Sunday, April 10

9:00 a.m. *Traditions*  
Felicia Murtley and Tyler Daudt

#### Wednesday, April 13

7:00 p.m. *Lenten Service*  
Andrea Semmler

#### Sunday, April 17

9:00 a.m. *Praise Connection Communion Worship*  
Hayley Hol and Amanda Mix

#### Thursday, April 21

7:00 p.m. *Maundy Thursday Service*  
Evan and Tyler Daudt

#### Friday, April 22

7:00 p.m. *Good Friday Service*  
Zachary Semmler and Tia Lilyquist

#### Sunday, April 24

7:00 a.m. *Easter Sunrise*  
Felicia Murtley and Andrea Semmler  
9:00 a.m. *Easter Festival Communion*  
Justin Wicks and Tyler Daudt

*(At "Praise Connection 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.)*

### COFFEE NEEDED

If anyone is grocery shopping and would like to purchase a can of coffee for Salem, it would be greatly appreciated. **NO** dark roast. Thank you!

# Council Minit-Highlights

March 9, 2011

## “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 report - The treasurer was authorized to reinvest the \$27,600 for the Pastor's Loan into a five year certificate of deposit at 3 1/2 % interest.

Financial Secretary - The Financial secretary will be sending out the first quarter financial giving records statements. This will help people determine if they are up to date on their pledged giving.

Stewardship Ministry Team - The council discussed ways to help the Stewardship Ministry Team with all the upcoming work. Pastor John handed out "Pastoral Call - Basic Convictions; Functional Responsibilities; Annual Ministry Goals". Waterhouse handed out a "Ministry Associate in Youth and Family position description". The council was asked to review these two documents for discussion at the April council meeting.

Ministry Team reports - Property - Trampe reported that he is getting prices for a new window in the sanctuary. The window has a leaky seal.

Written reports from Pastor John, Rebecca Waterhouse, and Youth & Family/Education Ministry Team are included below.

**PASTOR’S REPORT Membership. Audits.** The first step of the audit review has been completed, identifying members of Salem to be contacted for information regarding their membership status. **New Members.** Salem’s new member candidates to be received this spring are being invited to participate in the pictorial directory project. Responses to automated calling announcements has been very productive. Membership profiles for completion by every confirmed member of Salem will be provided during the photo sessions.

**Education.** The Journey of Grief. Last Tuesday, Salem’s Care Team began conducting a 5-session series of one-hour conversations on the topic of how Christians grieve. The sessions are being held in the chapel. Care Team members, Barb & Craig Anderson, will be leading the remaining sessions. **Vacation and Professional Education Days.** Accumulated continuing education days will be used this month to sharpen knowledge and skills related primarily to biblical studies. March 19 & 20 are being taken as a leave weekend. My vacation begins Sunday, March 27 and continues to April 16. Pastors and a S.A.M. (Synodically Authorized Minister) have been scheduled to preach and preside at the Sunday services in my absence. Three pastors are available for on-call referral. Pastor Brown and Rebecca W. will be the mid-week Lenten preachers with Jim Ballenthin and Andrea Semmler assisting with the services. The music planning team has finalized the bulletin to be used at the Lenten services. **Stewardship. Annual Campaign.** Thanks to Dick L. we purchased 12 Consecration Sunday team manuals and an extra leader’s manual. I have provided Katie with contact information regarding a possible outside leader. Last year’s leadership team included Chuck Ruebling, Jim Ballenthin, Sandy Strausser, Larry Nelson, Jean Westermann, Don Waldera, Nancy Loren, Jill Loeffler and Pastor Scott Jacob (outside leader). **Seminary Website.** Luther Seminary has lots of good stewardship resources (e.g. Stewardship for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century) available online at [www.luthersem.edu/stewardship](http://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship). Pastoral Staff Position Descriptions, Responsibilities, and Goals. See “Ministry Associate in Youth and Family” document and “Pastoral Call: Basic Assumptions, Functional Responsibilities, Annual Goals” as well as the instructional exhibits (A-J). **Family Matter.** My wife, Thea, has received a call to interim ministry in the Eastern ND Synod and will be serving in her present setting for the next 6 months or so. Although ND has some very good guidelines for interim contracts with respect to time off, this is an obvious lifestyle change for us. We are appreciative of the Council’s prayerful support as Thea begins this new venture. **Conference & Synod.** Living Waters Conference Meeting. Julee Young and I represented Salem at the annual conference meeting held at Hope Lutheran, Walker on Sun. Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>. There were several reports, including the synod report from Bishop Aitken. Numerous elections were held and conference dues for 2011 were set at \$40 payable to the conference treasurer. **Synod Assembly.** Salem’s delegates to the Synod Assembly to be held at Cragun’s Resort Center, Brainerd on April 29—May 1 are Dennis Johnson and Sandre Strausser. The theme is “The Word Working in the World” based on Isaiah 55:10-11. Keynote Presenter and workshop leader is Rev. John Nunes, president of Lutheran World Relief. **Rebecca’s written report:** Ministry Associate in Youth and Family (MAYF) Report

The MAYF calendar and brief clarifications for February through March 9, 2011 follows:

Feb. 1 Meeting with Pastor John

Feb. 2 am prep for confirmation: From Kingdom to Captivity is an ambitious program that frames the Bible for our youth; Pastor John introduces the material by Dr. Harry Wendt in power point form, I then break it down in to 20 key statements from which the students comment, make analogies to the present day, and then play an interactive game to reinforce key concepts to remember forever. - 6 pm Confirmation class - Tia and Justin volunteer to lead congregation in Souper Bowl Sunday effort to raise funds for Longville Food Shelf, in a fun way! Wrote script

Feb. 3 Youth and Family meeting, chaired by Ginger Minske

Feb. 4 Attend NHS BB - Logan G, Zak N, Justin W

Feb. 5 Prep for Sunday - props, phone calls, script clarifications

Feb. 6 Souper Bowl of Caring @ Salem - record-breaking day! \$767.86 danke!!!

Feb. 7 Meeting with Pastor John -Food drop at Remer Elementary with Grace Gilsrud

Feb. 8 Pastoral Ministry Leadership Team meeting -Pastoral visit -Wrote article on Salem’s Souper Bowl to encourage and support our

## Council Highlights Cont.

church, our kids & to let the community know we are involved in doing something good for the whole community *and* to inspire others to take part.

- Feb 9 Emailed the good news of the Souper Bowl to Walker Independent, Press Citizen, Pine River Journal and Northland press - Confirmation prep and teacher "Thus saith the Lord" (Prophets)-Attended Council meeting, provided report, thanked council and pray-ers
- Feb 13 wrote and delivered children's message: Sermon on the Mount, Lion King Sunday School teacher; Gospel: Sermon on the Mount
- Feb 14 Meeting with Prayer Partner Lifesavers and -Pastoral visit
- Feb 15 Attended NHS coronation: Brittney N. princess, Sierra L., Snow Queen-Pastoral visits to 2 Salem congregants
- Feb 16 Confirmation prep and teacher: "A New Exodus: A New People"
- Feb 17 Wrote lyrics for Salem church puppet show for Youth Sunday "Who are the people in the church today" to the tune of Sesame Street song "Who are the people in your neighborhood?" that stressed the importance of every**body** in what they do for the church, with quilters, greeters and pastor highlighted in this particular version and 5:30 pm practice with Andrea S, Amanda K, Cheryl C, Craig A for puppet show
- Feb 18 Pastoral visit
- Feb 20 Youth Sunday- children's message, puppet show, Sunday School, wonderful Young families helping in kitchen for fellowship, 24 children in church
- Feb 21 Meeting with Pastor John
- Feb 22 Pastoral visit, bulletin boards revamped
- Feb 23 Confirmation prep and teacher: "Between the Testaments"
- Feb 24 Meetings with Pastor John (education) and Melanie Mix (youth and family)-Compiled and condensed calendars of youth and family ministry of the last three year for blueprint for Monday meeting with committee
- Feb 25 Prepared and sent mass email to youth and family, including a thank you note from the family of Evan Lindquist, precious 6 year -old from Pine River killed in a school bus accident last March. The family wanted us to know that the Colorado Blue Spruce Salem Youth gave to the family has been planted near the first grade rooms at Pine River-Backus and Evan's class visits it. The family wrote that "the tree is beautiful, and a memorial stone has been placed by it...and they look forward to seeing it grow. The family apologized for the "lateness" of this personal thank you, but "your kindness was never and never will be forgotten." -Attended Pine River Backus basketball game. (Zachary Semmler)
- Feb 26 Preparation for Youth and Family meeting, (fine tuning calendars from the last three years of ministry to ascertain needs for committee) -Preparation for baptism lesson for the children of Salem (suitable props, wrote up a baptismal script from the Lutheran Book of Worship that young people could read and carry out, identified for the children the common symbols of baptism, invoking Rolf Jacobson's (Associate Professor of Old Testament at Luther Seminary and son of Del and Kathy Jacobson) Crazy Talk (don't be fooled-this book puts the language of faith into words that make sense), Baptized, we live by Daniel Erlander and Exploring the Sacraments with Young Children leader sourcebook, Augsburg Fortress, St. Paul.
- Feb 27 Baptism at Salem- Sunday School students given "hands on" experience in class immediately following baptism in church
- Feb 28 Youth and Family meeting, Melanie Mix chair, provided needs and calendar
- March 1 Pastoral Ministry Leadership Team meeting
- March 2 Confirmation prep and teacher: "The Messianic Age has Come!"
- March 3-5 Prep for Sunday school- Transfiguration- wrote Children's message that included hiking with a rope, stops along the way -point out meaning red eternal light, discovering the baptismal font up close, then proceeding to the mountain ( a gymnastics balance beam) that all students wanted to climb, where they met Jesus( Pastor John) Elijah (Bob Kohanek) and Moses (Craig Anderson)
- March 6 Children's message and Sunday school teacher (Transfiguration)
- March 7 Meeting with Pastor John, writing the position description for council
- March 8 Fine tuning the position description for council, bulletin board revamp
- March 9 Ash Wednesday service, attend Council meeting with completed reports.

### Youth & Family/Education Ministry Teams

**Auction:** It was discussed that we would place an announcement in the Church Bell, send out emails and follow up with personal telephone calls asking for help that is needed. **Sunday School:** Pastor John provided a handout that provided a lot of information to assist in moving forward. The time to hold Sunday School was discussed, it was decided to leave it at the current time and to revisit at a later date. There was discussion to incorporate the older youth working with the younger children. Robyn, Laura and Louise agreed to help build and identify the Sunday School team. The team would determine and describe the need to place an announcement in the church bell and email for assistance for Sunday School. Thoughts were shared about establishing a month to month break down for Sunday School with hopes of more volunteers. **VBS:** The program is chosen and Rebecca will be ordering the starter pack this week. The theme for this year is Nazareth. Rebecca is going to bring to the next meeting a list of volunteers from the 2010 VBS. She also brought up an idea of the Jesus Boat to be built and constructed for the use of VBS, and to remain on site to become a future landmark. A team still needs to be identified. **Carnival:** Rebecca talked about her carnival idea for September to create more community involvement for our youth church programs. **Rally:** A Rally for October was discussed. We wish to have the excitement continue from VBS to the carnival to the rally Sunday which is the beginning of our Sunday School year. **Confirmation:** Pastor John & Rebecca both feel the current curriculum works well and no additional assistance is needed at this time. **Mission Statement:** The one in place was provided in the hand out from Pastor John. "Marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are claimed, gathered, and sent for the sake of the world." **30 Hour Famine:** It was discussed by the core group that we would stand behind Ginger Minske if she wanted to develop a team, at this time the group felt we

needed to address the immediate needs of the upcoming events. **Two Teams:** Instead of breaking down into two teams, it was decided we would be most beneficial moving forward as a united core group, Youth and Family Education and Ministry. **Additional upcoming annual events:** Book studies, buddy walk, Camp Olson, tackle hunger and the T-shirt ministry.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Anderson, Secretary

## Treasurer's Report 2-1-11 to 2-28-11

### General Fund

Amount Pledged Y-T-D 2011	\$ 27,968.
Amount Pledges Received to 2-28	<u>20,930.</u>
Difference-arrears	\$ ( 7,038).

Beginning Balance 2-1-11	\$ ( 581).
Contributions 2-28	\$ 14,286.
Expenses 2-28	<u>\$(16,750).</u>

**Gen Fund Bal. 2-28** **\$ (3,045).**

### General Fund

Total 2011 Pledges	\$167,854.
February Pledges Received	<u>\$ 8,386.</u>

### Debt Retirement

Beginning Balance 2-1-11	\$ 5,666.
Contributions Received 2-28	\$ 1,733.
Expenses 2-28	<u>\$(1660).</u>

**Debt Ret. Bal 2-28** **\$ 5,739.**

GENERAL FUND	EXPENSES		2011 ANNUAL BUDGET	
	FEB	YTD	APPROVED	REMAINING
Staff Expense	\$10,269	\$ 21,976	\$154,924	\$132,948
Church Bldg Expense	3,105	5,398	30,950	25,552
Worship Expense	813	2,678	15,850	13,172
Growth in Faith Expense	1,298	1,298	12,715	11,417
Fellowship Expense	137	296	2,200	1,904
Administration Expense	<u>1,128</u>	<u>1,948</u>	<u>14,000</u>	<u>12,052</u>
Total Regular Expenses	\$16,750	\$ 33,594	\$230,639	\$197,045
Benevolence Expense	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>25,557</u>	<u>25,557</u>
Total all General Fund Exp	\$16,750	\$ 33,594	\$256,196	\$222,602

DEBT RETIREMENT FUND	PAYMENTS		LOAN BAL 2/28/11
	FEB	YTD	
	\$1660.	\$3,320.	\$13,281.32

Per the Council's direction I reinvested the Pastor Housing CD in the amount of \$27,600 in a five year CD earning 2.50% interest at First Nat'l. Bank of Walker-Longville Branch as of February 15, 2011.

In God's name,  
Ardis Aagard, Treasurer

# April's Special People

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



*Altar Guild*

Diane Wiehle, Co-Chair  
 Barb McCuskey, Co-Chair  
 Joan Falls, Louise Daudt,  
 Jackie Lorensen, Connie Olsen,  
 Ginger Minske

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|----|--------------------------|----|--------------------------|
| 2  | Jenny Seifert            | 4  | Doug and Judy Johnson    |
| 3  | Lee Wilberg              | 8  | Don and Barb McCuskey    |
| 3  | Sharon Gilsrud           | 8  | Bill and Pat McKee       |
| 4  | Steven Daudt             | 18 | Ron and Diane Wiehle     |
| 5  | Charles Ruebling         | 20 | James & Kathy Joiner     |
| 6  | Roger Larson             | 21 | Owen and Eileen Higgins  |
| 6  | Jim Ekberg               | 23 | Doug and Marilyn Jass    |
| 7  | Bettye Nelson            | 23 | Bob and Joan Alley       |
| 8  | Crystal Lemster (Lewis)  | 25 | Harland and Sara Johnson |
| 9  | Marilyn Holmer           | 28 | Brad & Kay Ferris        |
| 9  | Jordan Loren             | 29 | Ken and Barbara Kostial  |
| 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           |    |                          |
| 30 | Tony Jordan              |    |                          |

## Ushers

Chuck & Jackie Senst (566-3289)



### Mortgage Update

Beg. Mortgage Balance	\$ 14,870.07
February payments:	
Principal	\$ 1,588.75
Interest	71.25
Mortgage Balance 2-28-11	\$ 13,281.32

## COINS



The Bible often uses coins to symbolize human greed. During Holy Week, 30 silver coins - usually shown with a bag or purse - represent Jesus' betrayal by his disciple Judas (Matthew 26:14-16). Many of Jesus' teachings are about money, including the parable of the lost coin. Coins also symbolize giving as an act of worship, just as the widow offered her last "mite" (Mark 12:41-44).

## WOMEN OF SALEM

Here are some important dates for meetings/retreats, time for sharing, gathering and praying together. We hope to see you!

**April 9th**, Saturday, Living Waters Spring Gathering at Hope Lutheran, Walker. Meet at Salem at 7:45 to car pool.

**April 13th**, Women of Salem Spring Meeting. **This is open to everyone!** Special speaker is Rev. Tom Anderson, Seafarer's Ministry, Duluth. More information on this page. Serving: Martha Circle. Item of Business: Smorgasbord Chairperson for this summer.

**June 3rd-4th**, Women's Synodical Convention/Retreat at USD. Registration by May 1st. Contact: Mary Schmid - 363-3327 or Ginger Minske - 363-3175 to register.



Salem's Prayer Project Lifesaver program is celebrating its 8th Anniversary in April. Can you imagine all the prayers which have been sent to Jesus and have been answered because of someone praying for their youth! Our young people have so many temptations. Your prayers are so needed. Please keep the youth you have committed to pray for in your daily prayers. Every member of Salem is asked to keep our youth in their prayers.

Plans for our 8th Anniversary celebration will be announced in the April Sunday bulletins.

Would YOU be interested in becoming a member of the PPL committee? This will not involve monthly meetings. Contact one of the following members to find out more or to volunteer your time, talent, and concern for our young people: Bev Bixby; Evelyn Burley; Lori Daudt; Eileen Higgins, Ginger Minske, or Sandy Roscoe. Many thanks!

### ATTENTION WOMEN OF SALEM!!!

The Spring Gathering of Living Waters Conference will be held on Saturday, April 9 at Hope Lutheran in Walker.

Registration is at 8:30 a.m.

Cost for the lunch is \$7.00.

Theme of the day will be a Celebration of Sisterhood.

A silent auction of baskets and buy it now items will be held.

Please mark this date on your calendar and make plans to attend!

### WOMEN OF SALEM

The Women of Salem will be having their Spring meeting on Wednesday, April 13th, 9:30 a.m. at Salem. Our speaker will be Rev. Tom Anderson from the Twin Ports Ministry to Seafarers, Duluth, MN. We are inviting **ALL** members of Salem to come for morning coffee, fruit and coffee cake/rolls and hear Rev. Anderson. This promises to be a very interesting and informative morning! Please read over the enclosed insert. If you have any of the items listed, or want to pick up a low cost phone card, bring the items along that day. Our speaker will be happy to put them to good use!

**ONE ITEM OF BUSINESS:**

We need Coordinators for the summer smorgasbords!

**SERVING:** Martha Circle. Please call Ginger Minske, 363-3175 if you can bring fruit, coffee cake or help serve.

Thank you.

## Without Jesus...

Without the risen Savior in our hearts, life is like:

- A chocolate Easter Bunny - empty on the inside;
- An Easter bonnet - easily blown off kilter;
- Last year's Easter outfit - it doesn't quite fit right;
- An Easter lily - it soon withers and dries up;
- A bag of jelly beans - sugary and sweet but lacking substance;
- An unfound Easter basket - full of gifts that spoil and go to waste;
- A colored Easter egg - looks great but cracks under pressure;
- The Easter bunny - always hopping here and there;
- Marshmallow Peeps - becomes hard when opened up;
- Easter parade - a long journey with no destination;
- An unopened Easter card - a message of love unclaimed.

—David Patterson

## Easter's Meaning

In a 2010 Barna Group survey, two-thirds of Americans knew that Easter is a religious holiday. But only 42 percent connected its meaning to Jesus' resurrection. And only two percent of adults said they would describe Easter as the most important holiday of their faith.

Not everyone who connects Easter to religion has the facts straight. Two percent of Americans said Easter is about Jesus' birth. Another two percent said it's about Jesus' "rebirth." And one percent said it's a celebration of his second coming. Another three percent described Easter as a celebration of spring or a pagan holiday.

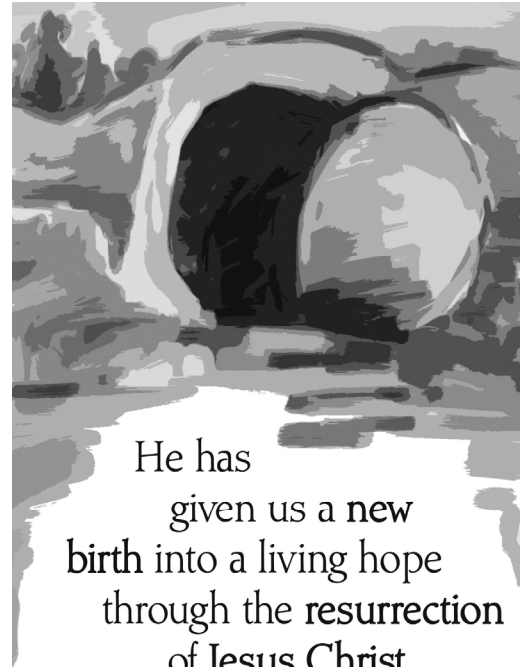
In the same survey, 31 percent of active churchgoers said they'd definitely invite an un-churched friend to worship with them on Easter weekend.

This Easter, share the truth and joy of the holiday with someone who doesn't know Jesus. News of the resurrection is too good to keep to ourselves!

## Synod Assembly

The NE MN Synod Assembly is held at Cragun's Resort Center, Brainerd on April 29-May 1. The theme is "The Word Working in the World" based on Isaiah 55:10-11. Keynote Presenter and workshop leader is Rev. John Nunes, president of Lutheran World Relief.

Thank you to Dennis Johnson, Sandy Strausser and Pastor John for representing Salem.



He has  
given us a new  
birth into a living hope  
through the resurrection  
of Jesus Christ  
from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3, NRSV

### Martha Circle

Wednesday, April 6th  
9:30 a.m. at Salem  
Hostess: Sharon Galvin

### Ruth Circle

Thursday, April 14th  
1:00 p.m. at Salem  
Hostess: Diane Wiehle

## APRIL RED HAT LUNCHEON

April 12th at the Lucky Moose by Walker at 12:30 p.m.

Menu: Order from the menu

Reservations needed by April 8th

Call: Doris Schmidt - 363-3326 or e-mail her at [doris.hunterlake@gmail.com](mailto:doris.hunterlake@gmail.com) or call Eileen Higgins - 363-2411

# HOT CROSS BUNS

Make this traditional Easter recipe to remember how Christ gave his life for you.

**What you need:**

- 1 can (12 oz.) evaporated milk
- 1 stick (½ cup) butter, melted
- ½ cup sugar
- Pinch of salt
- 1½ Tablespoons yeast
- 1 egg, beaten
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg
- 5 cups flour
- Icing
- An adult to help

**What you do:**

1. In large bowl, combine the first eight ingredients.
2. Stir in flour, one cup at a time, to form soft dough. Knead on a floured surface until smooth and elastic (about five minutes).
3. Place in a greased bowl, turning once to grease top. Cover and let rise until doubled (about one hour).
4. Knead out air bubbles. Form six two-inch balls.
5. Place two inches apart on a greased cookie sheet. Cover and let rise until doubled (about 30 minutes).
6. Bake at 375 degrees until golden (13 to 15 minutes). Cool on wire racks.
7. Add icing in a cross shape. Enjoy!



## FIX YOUR EYES ON JESUS

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection helps us live with gratitude every day.

Use the picture and number code to fill in the blanks for Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV.

1. Jesus	5. cross
2. weary	6. endured
3. endured	7. scorning
4. opposition	8. shame

1. Jesus	5. perfecter
2. lose	6. him
3. pioneer	7. faith
4. sinners	8. hand

1. eyes	5. right
2. us	6. grow
3. joy	7. God
4. heart	8. throne

“... fixing our \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ and  
 \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. For the \_\_\_\_\_ set before \_\_\_\_\_  
 he \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ its \_\_\_\_\_, and  
 sat down at the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Consider \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_ such \_\_\_\_\_  
 from \_\_\_\_\_, so that you will not \_\_\_\_\_  
 and \_\_\_\_\_.” HEBREWS 12:2-3, NIV

Answer: “...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.” Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV

### EASTER MEANS NEW LIFE

New life is what Easter is all about. Jesus Christ died and rose from the grave that you might have life beyond the grave and that you might have life in this world today —rich, full, and abundant life. Let Jesus come and live within your heart today.

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock” (Revelation 3:20).

“Christ in you, the hope of glory” (Colossians 1:27).

Easter is a good time to start living!

*Sunday*

*Monday*

*Tuesday*

*Wednesday*

*Thursday*

*Friday*

*Saturday*

# APRIL

**1**  
9:00 a.m. (co-ed)  
Bone Building

**2**

Pastor's Vacation March 14 - April 16

**3** *Pastor James Limburg*  
9:00 a.m. Traditions  
Communion Worship  
9:20 a.m. Kid's Church  
10:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

**4**  
1:00 p.m.  
Busy Needles

**5** 9:00 a.m. (co-ed)  
Bone Building  
10:00 a.m. The  
Significance of Grief  
10:00 a.m. Long  
Lake Prop Owners  
Association Meeting  
4:00 p.m. PMLT  
6:30 p.m. Choir  
6:30 p.m. Council

**6**  
8:00 a.m.  
Men's Renewal  
6:00 p.m.  
Soup Supper  
7:00 p.m.  
Lenten Service at  
Longville  
Community Church

**7**

**8**  
9:00 a.m. (co-ed)  
Bone Building

**9**

Pastor's Vacation March 14 - April 16

**10** *Mel Nefstead*  
9:00 a.m. Traditions Worship  
9:20 a.m. Kid's Church  
10:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship  
  
*Open Forum Town  
Hall Meeting*

**11**  
9:30 a.m.  
Music  
Planning  
1:00 p.m.  
Busy Needles

**12**  
9:00 a.m. (co-ed)  
Bone Building  
6:30 p.m. Choir

**13** 8:00 a.m.  
Men's Renewal  
9:30 a.m.  
Women's Spring  
Gathering  
6:00 p.m.  
Soup Supper  
7:00 p.m. Lenten  
Service at Salem  
8:00 p.m. Council  
with Pastor Jacob

**14**

**15**  
9:00 a.m. (co-ed)  
Bone Building

**16**

Pastor's Vacation March 14 - April 16


**17** *Palm Sunday*  
9:00 a.m. Praise Connection  
Communion Worship  
10:15 a.m. Continental  
Breakfast



**18**  
9:00 a.m.  
Christian  
Women's  
Group  
1:00 p.m.  
Busy Needles

**19**  
9:00 a.m. (co-ed)  
Bone Building

**20**  
8:00 a.m.  
Men's Renewal  
6:00 p.m. Choir

**21** 9:00 a.m.  
Caring  
Community  
7:00 p.m.  
Maundy  
Thursday Service  
  
**MAUNDY  
Thursday**

**22** 9:00 a.m.  
Bone Building  
7:00 p.m. Good  
Friday Service



**23**

**24** *Easter Sunday*  
7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service  
Message: Dillon Loren  
7:45 a.m. Easter Breakfast  
9:00 a.m. Easter Festival  
Communion Service



**25**  
1:00 p.m.  
Busy Needles

**26**  
9:00 a.m. (co-ed)  
Bone Building  
10:00 a.m.  
Membership Team

**27**  
8:00 a.m.  
Men's Renewal  
6:00 p.m. Choir


**28**

**29**  
9:00 a.m. (co-ed)  
Bone Building  
Synod Assembly  
at Cragun's  
Resort, Brainerd

**30**  
Synod  
Assembly  
At Cragun's  
Resort,  
Brainerd

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DATE	WED. 4/6	WED. 4/13	HOLY Week
LOCATION	Comm. Church	Salem Lutheran	all churches
PREACHER	Rebecca Waterhouse	Duane Brown	all pastors
TOPIC	Faith of the Israelites	Jesus, the Perfecter of our Faith	

**All services begin at 7:00 p.m.  
preceded by soup & sandwich at 6:00 p.m.  
(excluding Ash Wednesday and Holy Week)  
at the host church.**

**Soup is provided by the host church.  
Bring your own sandwich.**



# Holy Week Schedule

- April 17 Palm Sunday 9:00 a.m.  
Continental Breakfast (Youth) 10:00 a.m.
- April 21 Maundy Thursday Communion 7:00 p.m.
- April 22 Good Friday (Stations of the Cross) 7:30 p.m.
- April 24 Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 a.m.  
Easter Breakfast 7:45 a.m.
- April 24 Easter Festival Communion 9:00 a.m.



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