



The Church Bell

Salem Lutheran Church

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Food Shelf Campaign



March is Food Share Month in the state of Minnesota. The last week December 2007 Longville Area Food Shelf served 64 families, consisting of 137 adults, 103 children, and 11 seniors for a total of 251 people and gave out 3528 pounds of food (regular service). In addition, they served a total of 81 Christmas bags — 162 adults, 156 children, 22 seniors for a total of 340 individuals and gave out an additional 1818 pounds of food. This represents an increase of 39% of regular service compared to December 2006, and a 110% increase in Christmas meals. We had 3 new families in December.

Our totals for the year were as follows: # of households—876; adults—1807, children—1572, and seniors—186 for a total of 3566 people. This represents a 33.3% increase over the whole year from 2006. We gave out 48,575 pounds of food (a 27% increase over last year). We had 55 new families for the year. The unduplicated number of households served this year was 163 families. We also administered 10 emergency boxes yielding another 411 pounds of food, and 300 kids packs to go this summer.

Comparing six other area food shelves statistics between 2005 and 2007. This data is from the Hunger Solutions website. Only 2 food shelves showed client increases—Pillager at 2% and Longville at 65%.

The Longville Food Shelf receives extra funding through Second Harvest Food Bank based on the pounds of food and the amount of money collected in the month of March.

Donations may be made at the Northland Area Family Center, at the local churches, banks, or mailed to PO Box 308, Longville, MN 56655. Please make checks payable to the Longville Food Shelf.

Thank you so much for your help.
Stacy Miller, Food Shelf Volunteer

**See insert page for grocery suggestions.

Who are you wearing? Salem Youth begin T-shirt ministry...

Do you read T-shirts? If you do, you are given a free insight into the person wearing it. Problem is, sometimes those T-shirts get outdated, and fast. Just what does one do with a Kevin Garnett T-wolves jersey or a Minnesota Twins T-shirt with SANTANA or HUNTER emblazoned on the back? :-(-

Salem Youth have a solution to that problem. They decided to create their own T-shirt, one that features the ultimate designer. I want to caution you, though, because the meaning of the design may not just pop out at you. The front of the T-shirt reads:

4:20 GOD'S GOT YOUR BACK!

First, why 4:20? April 20th, or 4/20 it has been a date and/or time intentionally picked to execute evil. One of the reasons is because it's the birthdate of Adolf Hitler. Hitler, who oversaw the extermination of six million Jews, is considered by many, the face of evil.

The Columbine school shooting of 11 students and 1 teacher took place on April 20th, 1999. One of the victims was Cassie Bernall, a young believer who had just videotaped her Christian testimony one week before. Salem Youth watched Cassie's taped testimony in one of their Peer Ministry sessions. Further, Cassie was confronted by one of the killers, who asked her "Do you believe in Jesus?" Cassie said, "yes", and was shot.

4:20 is also a designated time for lighting up a joint, and/or a generic way of declaring one likes to use marijuana or just as a term for the substance itself. Anyway, it's clear that the dark powers seem to enjoy the day and time of 4/20.

Another idea I had floated to our kids was the necessity of creating a T-shirt to bond our group a bit, with the dual use of subtle but effective evangelizing. So when, at our next session, two of our kids stepped up and said they would like to make a 4/20 T-shirt, it was, well, a stunning moment. They explained they had looked up the Chapter 4s, verse 20s in every book of the Bible. They liked what they found and purposed to debunk evil with good! They took something they don't like in the world (school shootings, drug culture, honoring Hitler) and turned it on its head!

Though the shirt is not finalized as the Church Bell goes to press, the plan for the back of the shirt is to cover it with chapter 4s, verse 20s from the Scriptures that are powerful, stand alone messages. God's got your back, indeed. Thanks to our Salem Youth fashion intervention team. In Him, Rebecca

Office Notes

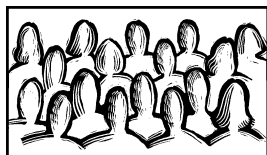


Our Newsletter and Calendar are on the World Wide Web.

Web: <http://eot.com/~salem>
 Email: salem@arvig.net

Ministry Opportunity

Anyone with interest in coordinating Salem's Sunday media projection, including programming and design for worship, utilizing power point technology, is asked to contact Pastor John. This notice will post until March 31, 2008.



LAY LEADER EXTRAVAGANZA
 Lutheran Church of the Cross, Nisswa
March 8th, 9— 3:30 PM
Given, Givin'

Presenter: Nathan Dungan
*We give thee but thine own,
 whate'er the gift may be;
 all that we have is thine alone,
 a trust, O Lord, from thee.*

SYNOD ASSEMBLY
 Duluth Entertainment Convention Center
May 2 — 4
*Living in God's Amazing Grace:
 Faithful and Bold*
 Featuring: ELCA Presiding Bishop
 Mark S. Hanson
 Election of new Synodical Bishop
 World Hunger Emphasis



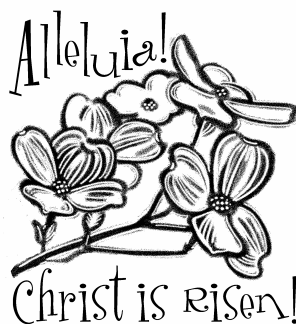
Salem welcomes people into our congregation as either associate or full members. Please contact the church office for more information. Please notify us also if you would like to be added to our "friends" list.

"Churchyard Grass" Coming to Salem

On Sunday, March 30th "Churchyard Grass", a bluegrass group from Immanuel Lutheran Church, Crosby, MN, will lead the music at our 9:00 a.m. worship service. The group leads a monthly bluegrass style service at Immanuel Lutheran. A free will offering will be received.

Electronic Contributions

See page 10 for more information on Electronic Contributions to Salem Lutheran Church.



Easter Sunday, March 23rd

Acolyte Schedule



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

Sunday, March 2

9:00 a.m. Traditions/Communion
 Sophia Gilsrud & Brittney Nornberg

Sunday, March 9

9:00 a.m. Jubilee
 Gracie Gilsrud & Jordan Loren

Palm Sunday, March 16

9:00 a.m. Palm/Passion/Communion
 Brittney Nornberg & Sierra Likens

Easter Sunday, March 23

7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service
 and
 9:00 a.m. Festival Communion Service
 Jacob Murtley & Caity Daudt

Sunday, March 30

9:00 a.m. Traditions
 Sophia Gilsrud & Gracie Gilsrud

(At "Jubilee 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.)

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00 p.m.
 With selections from
 Holden Evening Prayer Service

Good Friday Worship 7:30 p.m.
 Living Stations of the Cross
 Including contemplative music.

Council Highlights

Salem Council Highlights

“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

Salem Council Highlights
February 24, 2008

1. **Treasurer**—Ardis Aagard reported that the two secretaries had vacation carry over hours for the past few years. The Executive Committee decided at their February 15, 2008 meeting to pay the secretaries for all vacation hours prior to 2007.
2. **Executive Committee**—Daudt reported the Executive Committee is researching benefits for Rebecca Waterhouse, possible expansion of the church building, guidelines for the use of the church building and quorum for congregational meetings.
3. **Young Theologians**—Waterhouse explained that the Young Theologians of Salem are working on a possible T-shirt design.
4. **Council Retreat**—The Church Council members were at a two-day retreat February 23rd and 24th at Camp Patmos near Hackensack. The theme of the retreat was Building Bridges Across the Generations: Defining our Vision-Prioritizing our Ministries. Watch for more information on this retreat over the next few months.

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, Darold Daudt, President (363-2276)



Congratulations
Pastor John

On Sunday, February 24, 2008, we had a surprise announcement at the 9:00 AM service. The congregation was made aware that this week Pastor John will celebrate the 30-year anniversary of his ordination into the ministry. A decorated cake was served during coffee and pastor was able to spend some time with us before council continued with their retreat at Camp Patmos.

Pastor John’s official date of ordination is recorded as February 26, 1978.

Congratulations to Revered John A. Monson on serving our Lord for 30-years. May God give him strength for many more years of dedicated service.



First Day of Spring
March 20

SOUND PROOFING

Sound proofing Pastor John’s office was completed between December 31st and January 12th. A BIG THANK YOU to all the volunteers that accomplished this monumental task. The effort was completed with the help of Darold Daudt, Keith Lorensen, Ron Wiehle, Ralph Schmidt, Bob Kohanek, Hans Aagard, Joan Kickhafer, Elton Schrupp, Dennis Welcome, Dick Loeffler, Don Waldera, Marcus Siewert, Steve Seifert and Dave Trampe, and also Terry Daudt’s sheetrock crew.

The cost of materials was \$596.55. Sheetrock, taping, and painting was \$300.

Dave Trampe, Property Management



MONDAY, MARCH 17

Treasurer’s Report



General Fund

Beginning Balance Jan. 1, 2008	\$ 12,126.71
Income for January	9,082.20
Expenses for January	16,850.60
Ending Balance Jan. 31, 2008	\$ 4,358.31



Mortgage Update

Beg. Mortgage Balance	\$ 86,483.45
January payments:	
Principal	\$ 1,245.60
Additional Principal	2,951.38
Interest	414.40
Mortgage Balance	\$ 82,286.47
January 31, 2008	

TIP

Every year confirm your W2’s with your Social Security Statement.

March's Special People



- 1 Larry Nelson
- 2 James Limburg
- 3 Shane Emerson
- 4 Cerissa Johnson
- 4 Brandon Herheim
- 4 Stacy Miller
- 8 Gordon Holmdahl
- 9 Cheryl Kampa
- 10 Richard Olsen
- 11 Rachel Gross
- 11 Dorothy Weaver
- 13 Emma Mix
- 14 Alicia Burgers
- 14 Darold Moore
- 15 James Daudt
- 15 Jenny Nordstrom
- 17 Glen Reinke
- 18 Alice Moe
- 19 Patty Lange
- 21 Beverly Baldwin
- 21 David Felton
- 22 T. Frank Daudt
- 22 Sara Kopca
- 22 Steven Halver
- 22 Mark Nordstrom
- 23 Evan Foss
- 23 Ron Lund
- 24 Gene Drum
- 24 Stan Hawkinson
- 24 Ed Olson
- 25 Joan Kickhafer
- 25 Hilma Oestreich
- 25 Roger Zwart
- 26 Megan Halver
- 26 Don Waldera
- 28 Tena Johnson
- 29 Ginny Muller
- 30 Dave Cribb
- 31 Jan Elliott
- 31 Paul Trom



Happy Anniversary

- 1 Nicole and Josh Dehn
- 7 Marvin and Brenda Imholte
- 13 Dale and Sonja Foss
- 16 Bob and Ginny Muller
- 19 Larry & Doris Nelson
- 23 John and Marilyn Holmer
- 26 Dick and Sandy Pullen

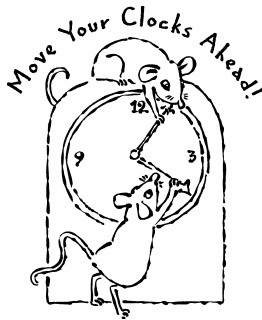


Bill & Stacy Miller
(566-2780)

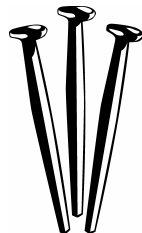


March

Eileen Higgins, Chair
Idelle Eide, Doris Schmidt,
Norma Jansen, Marilyn Jass,
Evelyn Pflugshaupt



Daylight-Saving Time begins
March 9, 2008



CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

Nails

Nails symbolize Jesus' passion and suffering because they were used at his Crucifixion. They are often depicted in groups of three because two nails were used to secure Jesus' hands, and a third was used to secure his feet. Three nails are also used to identify Jesus as a member of the Holy Trinity.

This and That



RED HAT SOCIETY

Ladies

The Red Hat Society (fun) luncheon will be held on Tuesday, March 11th. at the Dancing Fire Restaurant at the Northern Lights Casino at 12:30 p.m.

Menu: Appetizer, salad, pork, and dessert for \$12.95. Beverage & tip included.

Call Mary Jean Lewis 363-2591 or Bev Egan 363-2686 by Friday, March 7th to register.

Car pool from Salem at 12:00 noon.



Soup & Sandwich at 6:00 p.m.
Host church provides soup (bring your own sandwich)

Ecumenical Lenten Services

“Expect The Unexpected” John Monson
Wednesday, March 5th at 7:00 p.m.
at Longville Community Church

“Down In The Dungeon” Duane Brown
Wednesday, March 12th at 7:00 p.m.
at Salem Lutheran Church

(Holy week at each church)

Faith In Action

People in your community have immediate and urgent needs, and Faith in Action for Cass County would like to tell you about ways you can help for a day, a month or on an on-going basis. We have requests for help from people in need in Walker, Pine River, Cass Lake, Backus, Hackensack, Longville, Remer, Boy River, La Porte, Outing, Bena and Pillager. Please bring a friend and stop by Hackensack Senior Class, Fridays from 9-10:30 a.m. for **complimentary** coffee and sweets and to find out how you can help serve in your own community. Please call 218-675-5435 with any questions.

Becky Burns, Faith in Action for Cass County

Welcome Home

To Beth (Raines), Tim & Lauren Hardinger

Saturday, March 15th at Salem
from 2-4 p.m.

Everyone welcome to come
to celebrate.

Lauren will be baptized
Sunday, March 16th.

Money Counters

March 2	Hans Aagard	682-3386
	Bob Smitten	363-2062
March 9	Dennis Johnson	889 -2376
	Barbara Anderson	363-2649
March 16	Bob Kohanek	363-2880
	Connor Galvin	363-2115
March 23	Dick Olsen	566-1546
	Ron Wiehle	363-3070
March 30	Connor Galvin	363-2115
	Bob Kohanek	363-2880

Bone Building/Yoga/Line Dancing

We meet every Tuesday and Friday at Salem.

Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. Bone Building &
10:00 a.m. Yoga

Fridays 9:00 a.m. Bone Building &
10:00 a.m. Beginning Line Dancing

Everyone Welcome!



Women's Brunch Meeting

Will be held in April or May this spring.
Keep watching for more details.
Kay Ferris, Coordinator

Martha Circle/Bible Study
Wednesday, March 5th at 7:15 p.m.
Hostess: Rosemary Berg

Rebekah Circle/Bible Study
Thursday, March 27th
Hostess: Alicia Burgers

Ruth Circle/Bible Study
Meets Thursday, March 13th
at 1:00 p.m.
Hostess: Quilting Party












The Quilting Party

every Thursday
from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

March

All women are invited to attend.
No experience necessary!
Bring a dish to pass
for the noon meal.

Great Fellowship.
See you there!












**Remember
to set your clocks
A-H-E-A-D
before
Sunday, March 9th.**

This and That



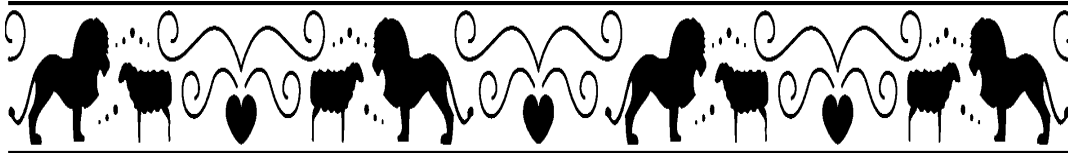
Why Palm Sunday?

Sunday, March 16th

Palm branches are mentioned in only one of the four Gospels (see John 12:12-15). So why do we call the first day of Holy Week Palm Sunday?

Tradition plays an important part in church history. During Jesus' time, Rome was the world's leading power. Whenever the Romans were victorious in battle, citizens traditionally threw palm branches in the returning heroes' path.

This was the accepted custom of reception. So when Jesus rode into Jerusalem, it was appropriate that he receive a hero's welcome. One week later, he would be victorious over death.



Lent Offers time for growth

Many of us know our IQ (intelligence quotient), but what about our SQ (spiritual quotient)?

Lent is a good time to think about the quality of your spiritual life. Do you think about God often...or rarely? Do you pray often...or occasionally? How well do you know the Bible? The Commandments? The Beatitudes? The lives of our biblical heroes and heroines?

During Lent, commit to spending more time in prayer. Also consider selecting a book of the Bible or a particular Bible character to study in-depth during this period.

Some people give up particular items or habits during Lent. If used wisely, this discipline can help you abandon things that have been interfering with your relationship with God.

Seek out devotions and books that can help strengthen your spiritual life. Examples include: *Show Me the Way* by Henri Nouwen, *A Season for the Spirit* by Martin Smith, *Six Hours One Friday* by Max Lucado, and *Lent and Easter Wisdom From Thomas Merton* edited by Jonathan Montaldo.

Electronic Banking



**You may be interested
in electronic banking
for your contributions.**

Here's how you can do it.

We, Ardis Aagard, Treasurer and myself, have been asked *questions* on what kind of electronic banking is available to members and friends of Salem. They ask this so they can/could use this means of banking to make a contribution to Salem Lutheran Church.

Some folks are away from the area for long periods of time and they don't want to mail in a contribution, after all, postage does add up on a weekly basis; some find the current envelope system bothersome and would rather have something that would "automatically" take care of their contribution; others just "forget" to make a contribution and want something to take care of it.

We brought the concept of setting up some form of electronic banking to Salem Council in December 2007 and we were directed to investigate the possibilities. In January 2008 council reviewed our suggestions and authorized us to proceed with a program. We have chosen The First National Bank of Walker, Longville Branch as our bank in which to have a program. We choose the Walker Bank because this is where Salem's existing checking account is located.

We have set up a Savings Account to receive electronic credits. This will be done by the traditional ACH Network. As Financial Secretary at Salem, it would be my responsibility to print the ACH credits received and post them to each members' account. This remains a confidentiality protocol.

(ACH stands for Automated Clearing House, a highly reliable and efficient, nationwide, batch-oriented electronic funds transfer system.)

Members who wish to take advantage of the ACH Credit program to Salem, should contact their

bank or funding organization and start the paper work to make this happen, generally a one (1) page form to fill out. You will need the Walker Bank Routing Number and Salem's Account Number to complete your paperwork for the ACH program. If you are pursuing this program, contact me for the necessary account numbers. I will provide written confirmation of the account numbers.

Generally, the ACH program will allow the transfer of funds for a Specific Amount on a Specific Day of the Month. This will continue indefinitely; to change or stop your authorization you would have to contact your bank or funding organization. There may or may not be a ACH initiation fee each month.

Besides the ACH program, there is another electronic banking program available through most banks and anyone with a computer who has access to his/her bank with Internet Banking Capabilities. This is what some systems call "BILL PAY", or something similar. With this program, members use the system to write a check to Salem. The program sends a check to Salem and I post it to the members' account when I get it. Payments may vary by dollar amount and timing each week or month. This eliminates the envelope, postage and is generally free of additional charges or fees, depending on your providers' policy.

As with any situation, we urge anyone participating in any program where you are asked to provide private information, be sure of the security that is in place for that program. No matter how secure anything seems, there is always the possibility of identity theft. Be cautious; the responsibility is yours.

So, if you're interested in something electronic or automatic, contact your bank or funding institution to get started. Ardis or myself may be able to answer some of your questions. Contact us if we can provide more information.

God's Peace and Blessings to All;
Don Waldera, Financial Secretary.

GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

This craft is a reminder of God's love for the world and of Jesus' sacrifice for everyone.


What you need:

- Two pieces of 8½" x 11" white or light-blue construction paper
- Circle shape that fits paper (plastic lid or paper plate)
- Black marker or crayon
- Masking tape
- Shallow box, box lid or old cookie tray
- Blue and green paint
- Two paper plates
- Two marbles
- Two plastic spoons
- Scissors



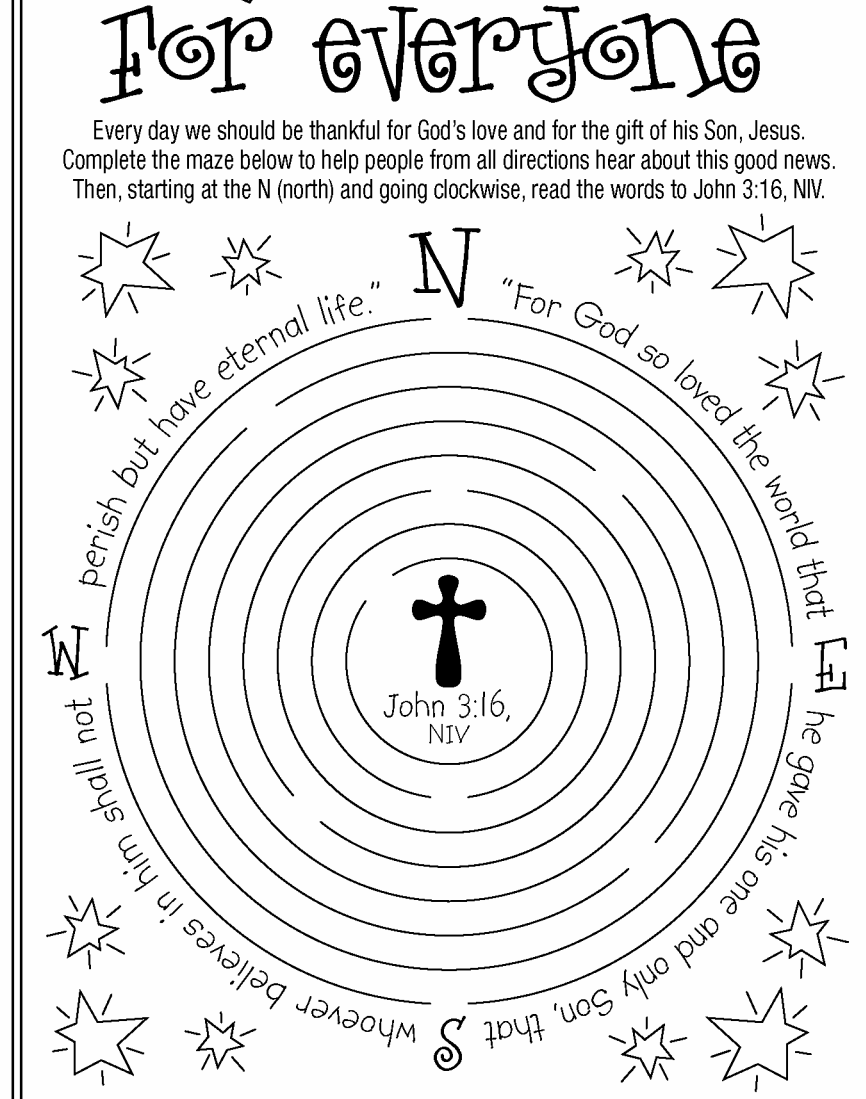
What you do:

1. On one piece of paper, trace the circle shape.
2. Using two pieces of masking tape, make a cross in the center of your circle.
3. Place your paper inside the box, box lid or cookie tray.
4. Pour blue paint onto one paper plate and green onto the other. Place one marble in each color of paint.
5. Using a spoon, take out one marble at a time and place on your paper.
6. Roll each marble back and forth, around and around, alternating between colors.
7. After your circle looks like the planet Earth with lots of blue and green, cut out the circle.
8. Glue the circle onto another piece of paper.
9. Around the circle, write the words to John 3:16, NIV: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."
10. Take off the masking tape and see the cross that's left. Keep your artwork as a reminder of how much God loves you!



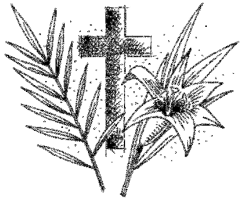
For everyone

Every day we should be thankful for God's love and for the gift of his Son, Jesus. Complete the maze below to help people from all directions hear about this good news. Then, starting at the N (north) and going clockwise, read the words to John 3:16, NIV.



Things Kids Ask God...

Dear God, Please put another Holiday between Christmas and Easter.
There is nothing good in there now. Ginny



Palm Sunday
 March 16th
Continental Breakfast
 Served by Youth

Easter

Easter Sunrise Service
 March 23rd at 7:00 a.m.

Easter Breakfast
 Serving at 8:00 a.m. by the Men

Easter Festival Communion Service
 March 23rd at 9:00 a.m.

2008 LONGVILLE AREA COMMUNITY LENTEN PROGRAM

*"The Way Out" (Help for
 Troubled Spirits from the Psalms)*

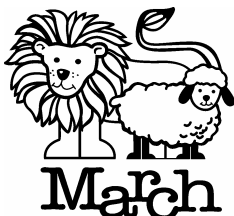
DATE	WED. 3/5	WED. 3/12	HOLY Week
LOCATION	Comm. Church	Salem Lutheran	all churches
PREACHER	John Monson	Duane Brown	all pastors
TOPIC	Expect The Unexpected	Down In The Dungeon	

**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.**



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