



The Church Bell

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Sunday: 9:00 a.m. winter months
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March is Minnesota Food Share Month

The Minnesota FoodShare initiative, created 28 years ago, helps raise awareness and donations of nonperishable food items and dollars for communities across the state. This year's campaign runs from March 1st to April 2nd.

During this campaign, cash and in-kind donations allow the Longville Area Food Shelf to receive a financial allocation from Minnesota FoodShare. This financial support represents a large portion of the Longville Area Food Shelf's budget. Donations of food and dollars must be received by April 3rd to be counted toward Minnesota FoodShare. For every dollar raised locally and received through the Minnesota FoodShare allotment our food shelf is able to purchase three dollars worth of food through the Second Harvest Food Bank in Grand Rapids.

The Longville Area Food Shelf is also participating in the Feinstein Challenge, which divides \$1 million among participating food shelves Nationwide. Money received by the Longville Area Food Shelf between March 1st and April 30th is eligible to be counted. These donations allow our food shelf to leverage the additional dollars for purchasing items through Second Harvest Food Bank.

Last year our food shelf served 4,079 people who needed help. In the past Salem members have been very generous with their time and money. We want to thank you for all that you have done to help the Longville Area Food Shelf and we are looking forward to your continued support.

Anastasia Miller and Kathy Callies

Food Shelf



Food Shelf



The Journey of Grief

(How to Walk Through Grief and Learn to Live Again)

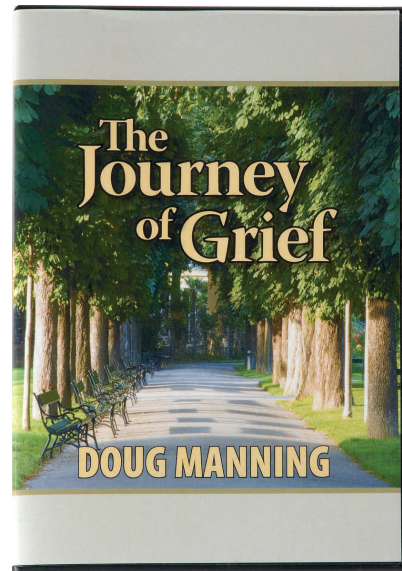
Salem's Care Team invites you to a series of conversations on the topic of how Christians grieve. The 1-hour sessions will be held in the Chapel at Salem each Tuesday beginning March 8th at 10 a.m.

Topics include:

1. The Journey of Grief
2. The Definition of Grief
3. The Dimensions of Grief
4. The Needs of Grief
5. The Ceremonies of Grief
6. The Normal Reactions of Grief
7. The Significance of Grief

The DVD resource, *The Journey of Grief*, featuring Doug Manning will be used each week. After 30 years in the ministry, Doug Manning has devoted his time to writing, counseling and leading seminars in the areas of grief and elder care. In a warm, conversational style, Manning discusses the elements of the grief experience, the important aspects of a healthy approach to grieving and what grief companions can do to be a helpful part of the journey. This series is an opportunity for groups, individuals, care-givers, church members,

and others to be better equipped to understand the process of grieving and to be an instrument of hope and healing in grief ministry. Participants may want to purchase a copy of *Don't Take My Grief Away From Me* (2005 revised edition) by Doug Manning, published by In-Sight Books, Inc., Oklahoma City, OK. It is available from Amazon.com.



Salem Youth Thank You

Last March, six year old Evan Lindquist of Pine River was killed tragically in a school bus accident. Touched by this tragedy, Salem youth reached out to the Lindquist family with their prayers and with a sturdy little Colorado blue spruce. We have received two thank you notes from the family, the most recent, just last week.

February 17, 2011

Dear Salem Lutheran Youth,

We want to thank you for Evan's beautiful tree. It is beautiful-we planted it at school near the 1st grade classrooms and Evan's class visits it. We placed a memorial stone by it and we look forward to seeing it grow.

We apologize for the "lateness" of this personal thank you, but your kindness was never and never will be forgotten.

Sincerely,

The Lindquist Family

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.

THANK YOU

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, phone calls and hugs during the illness and death of Evelyn's brother, John. With love, Harold & Evelyn Burley

THANK YOU

Thank you for the many prayers, cards and expressions of sympathy upon the death of my daughter, Deborah, age 55, of Wichita Falls, Texas. Your kindness is very much appreciated. Charlene Olson

Ushers

Ralph Schmidt (363-3326)



Pastor John will be away from March 14-April 16. If you need pastoral assistance during this time call the church office.

Evenings/weekends call:

Dennis Johnson (889-2376), or Barb Anderson (363-2649) or Rebecca Waterhouse (566-1403) for referral to an on-call pastor.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME DEVOTIONALS

You may pick up your January, February, March 2010 devotionals from the stand by the entrance. Take one for a friend. Also we have *Our Daily Bread* devotionals and *Cass County Maps*.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

It has been 6 years since our last directory and we are doing a new one to build a stronger sense of community among all our members, create a tool for telling people about our ministries and to celebrate our Church. We have begun scheduling appointments for photography beginning on March 22. There is **no cost** to the Church and **no sitting fee** for your family. You will receive a complimentary 8 X 10 portrait and a directory just for participating. In one trip, you will be photographed, choose your directory pose and **have the opportunity to purchase additional studio quality portraits and greeting cards.** Bring your calendar to sign-up, our directory won't be complete without you. Those who wish, may schedule an appointment on-line. Click on the link at Salem's website and follow the instructions.

Acolyte Schedule



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

Sunday, March 6

9:00 a.m. Traditions/Communion
Hayley Hol and Amanda Mix

Sunday, March 13

9:00 a.m. Traditions
Logan Gross and Justin Wicks

Sunday, March 20

9:00 a.m. Praise Connection
Communion Worship
Tia Lilyquist and Andrea Semmler

Sunday, March 27

9:00 a.m. Traditions
Evan 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.)



Altar Guild

Eileen Higgins, Chair
Idelle Eide, Doris Schmidt,
Evelyn Pflugshaupt,
Norma Jansen, Marilynn Jass,
Julia Jones



Time to Spring Ahead

Daylight Savings Time Starts
March 13th
Set your clocks ahead 1 hour

Council Minit-Highlights

February 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's Report - Aagard reported that the general fund as of Jan. 31st was - \$587.79 and no benevolence was paid to the synod. Hopefully January and February payments will be made in February. MOTION: Anderson/Minske/passed: Accept the Treasurer's report as given. Aagard handed out the Accountable Reimbursement Policy for Salem Church. The council will act on this policy next month.

MOTION: Aagard/K. Daudt/passed: Salem Lutheran Church will pay Pastor John Monson 1/12th of the annual Professional Expenses of \$3,800 (\$317/monthly) per month, as directed in the Accountable Reimbursement Policy (pending approval). Pastor Monson will provide required receipts covering any and all expenditures on a timely basis. All expenses incurred within the current calendar year must be presented by December 31st. MOTION: Aagard/ Johnson/passed: The council approved the January and February payments. The Accountable Reimbursement Policy will need to be signed by Rebecca Waterhouse also. This policy was written following the IRS and Minister Tax Guides. Aagard presented a request from Charlene Olson, the choir director, to spend approximately \$250-\$300 for new music for the church choir. MOTION: Aagard/ McCuskey/passed 5-3: Approve the request from Charlene Olson to purchase up to \$300 in choir music with the expense to come out of the choir budget. Anderson will notify Olson.

The council discussed at length ways to address future shortfalls - if and when do we meet with the congregation. The congregation will look to the council for guidance and direction. It was decided that this is a conversation worth having, however, at this time the council decided to wait a month and review this again.

Council Liaison Reports

- Stewardship - The council discussed ways to support the Stewardship Ministry Team. Katie Daudt is the council liaison to that Team. Strausser and Loeffler will work with Daudt and do some planning.
- Worship - Anderson reported on the question for January regarding worship times. This recommendation was not come to lightly, changes are difficult for people It is the desire of the Worship Ministry Team to do what is best for Salem, with this in mind the Team recommends: One Sunday morning worship service time of 9:00 a.m. because it will help unify the congregation and help members and visitors alike. MOTION: Aagard/ Trampe/passed: Salem Lutheran Church will hold one Sunday worship service at 9:00 a.m. throughout the year, effective immediately, and the Worship Ministry Team will determine the format of the services.
- Membership - Loeffler had a written report.
- Youth and Family - Minske had a written report.

Other Business

- Open Forum will be held after church on Sunday Feb. 20th.
- Synod Delegates - Johnson will be a delegate. Need one more.

Rebecca's Written Report: 1 Timothy 2 (The Message) 1-3 The first thing I want you to do is pray. Pray every way you know how, for everyone you know. Though not your ordinary Youth and Family report, I would like to go on the record this month to report heavily on the Spiritual side of this caring congregation at Salem.

When facing situations that are beyond us, there is nothing more important we can do than to pray. It clears our vision, quiets our hearts, and makes us obedient—even when that means doing the hard things God wants us to do.

When I left to be with my very ill father and fragile mother, I did not expect it, but I experienced an overwhelming power from the prayers and support of this church. People who prayed here strengthened me to do things that I did not think I could do. Some things terrified me, and yet I found myself doing them. Not only did your prayers energize me as a caregiver, but to date, it is God’s will that my father improves and has the spirit to persevere. I wanted the Salem faithful to know that your prayers are powerful, palpable, and that I will never forget your kindness. May God bless you always; may we always be a people who pray.

Thank you to **Billie Jo Lilyquist**, **Ginger Minske**, and **Louise Daudt** for leading confirmation, to **Laura Wheeler** for teaching both age groups of Sunday School, to **Julie Bull**, for providing a children’s message, and to **Pastor John** for keeping the major ministries for youth and families running seamlessly during my absence. In addition, I want to thank **the members of the 2011 Salem Council**. Your support was a beacon for my family during dark days.

Pastor Monson's report - Membership. *Audits*. Our Membership Team is currently reviewing the status of baptized and confirmed members on our membership roster as well as our membership categories. A report to council will be forthcoming at the earliest possible date. *New Members*. Once again there is an increasing number of individuals and families desiring membership at Salem. Our Membership Team is exploring dates for the next orientation. The personal invitations extended to those in our community to worship with us and to engage together with us in mission projects along with the welcome and hospitality demonstrated at Salem to the newcomers who pass through our doors and the image represented by our membership out in our community is commendable. **Education. Extravaganza 2011!** Saturday, March 12th, Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, Cloquet hosts this year’s congregational resource event from 9:15 a.m. – 4 p.m. It is designed to spark new interest in lifelong learning of Scripture and help participants grow more theologically mature. Presenter

Council Highlights Cont.

is Dr. Jessicah Duckworth, Assistant Professor of Christian Formation and Teaching at Wesley Theological Seminary. Workshops on “nuts and bolts” topics such as finances and resource ideas for children’s ministry will be a part of the day. Cost is \$20/person (\$15 for groups of four or more from the same congregation) or \$25/person at the door. Registration deadline is March 1st. Registration forms are available from Carol. **Confronting Death.** Last Tuesday, Salem’s Care Team began conducting a 5-session series of one-hour conversations on the topic of how Christians face death. The sessions are held in the chapel. Weekly topics: *Discovering Serious Illness*. (When someone you know says, “I have cancer,” how do you react to these words about death?); *Caring For The One Who Is Not Sick*. (Attention in a terminal illness is often focused on the person who is dying. Yet in actuality the caregiver may be in greater need of help.); *Grieving Before Death* (Knowing Christ’s voice is critical to overcoming the fear of death.); *How Do We Handle The Pain* (What helps you to endure pain? What seems to make it worse?); *Confronting the Dying Itself* (How does this thought strike you? How can you prepare to meet that day?). The DVD resource, *Confronting Death: A Christian Approach to the End of Life*, featuring Walter Wangerin being used each week has been described as “an hour-shy homily on the subject by a man who is himself in the last stages of a terminal illness...”

Vacation and Professional Education Days. Accumulated vacation and professional days to be used between now and April 21st (anniversary of tenure) will be taken during the months of March and April. This includes 21 vacation days, three of which are Sundays; 11 continuing education days; and one leave weekend. Pastor Brown and I have worked out the logistics for the dates I will be absent from the community Lenten services. Because of loss of time, I will be forfeiting a few vacation days and a quarterly leave weekend.

Stewardship. Annual Campaign. Last summer’s “Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program” exceeded our expectations. Riding the momentum from that experience, there are a number of tweaks (youth skits, etc.) that could be implemented as we gear up for the next campaign. While Katie (and Chuck as he is able) seek to fill out the core membership of the Stewardship Committee, an outside leader and Consecration Sunday leadership team will need to be recruited soon. 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). I will order more team and leader manuals as requested. **Super Souper Bowl.** The response to Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday of \$767.86 superseding last year’s donation was uplifting, reaffirming the generosity of our congregation of “hearts that care and hands that share”! It is also encouraging to see general fund levels of giving increase as we begin this first quarter of the new year which has always been the most challenging time of the year financially. While it continues to be difficult to power our way through an adverse economy, keeping Salem’s vision before us and finding delight in the momentum of our ministry together, along with teaching the biblical principles of stewardship, and, above all, trusting in the sufficiency of God, our congregation has demonstrated that the hurdles can be cleared and that we have reason for optimism regarding Salem’s financial future. **Administration. Vision Process Leadership.** One of Pastor Scott Jacob’s responsibilities as Assistant to the Bishop of our Synod and Director of Evangelical Mission is to lead congregations in visioning. This service is provided by our Synod and is funded by congregational mission support. The format utilizes a congregation’s trend report, demographics, and generational charts. It includes conversation about how the church has evolved in the midst of cultural shifts. Other aspects of the process include a look at assets the congregation has been blessed with, the greatest needs in the community where the congregation is located, and questions about what new things may need to be done and what old things may need to be refired? The time frame for the process, as Pastor Jacob uses it, lends itself to considerable flexibility—possibly meeting first with the congregational leadership and then a few months later meeting with the congregation, or holding a series of evenings (Pastor Jacob is presently facilitating visioning over three evenings at a neighboring church), possibly meeting a weekend format (Friday night and Saturday), or a one-day event commonly held on Saturday from 10 to 2. **Volunteer Job Descriptions.** It occurred to me that improved participation and utilization of members’ gifts at Salem may be improved by preparing, re-negotiating, or updating written job descriptions for every volunteer role in the congregation with clear time demands for each role. My hunch is that many people would like to be more involved but hesitate because of unclear expectations. **Church Policies on Power and Boundaries Issues.** As I reported last November, I attended a “Power and Boundaries” workshop in Duluth as a requirement for all rostered/licensed leaders in our synod. I also suggested that a task force or other committee review some of Salem’s existing policies designed to protect the safety of those who use our building or participate in our congregation’s ministry and make recommendations to the council as appropriate. Policies related to this currently in the church file (under “Church Policies on Power & Boundaries”) include “Internet and Computer Policy” (sample), “Statement of Policy Regarding Sexual Misconduct By Members of the Clergy and Rostered Laypersons,” “Policy for the Northeastern Minnesota Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Relating to Sexual Harassment,” “Policy Statement for the Northeastern Minnesota Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, on Mandatory Reporting Laws,” “Handling Cash Funds,” “Expectations and Responsibilities of Adults Working with Children/Youth at Roseville Lutheran Church” (draft), “Child and Youth Safety and Supervision Procedures” (St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Beaverton, OR). Also included in the file are the “Report of Council Ad Hoc Committee on a Harassment Policy” (9/9/98) and “Local Church Self-Evaluation Form.” Please see the attached bibliography provided to participants of the aforementioned workshop in Duluth. Among other things, this resource bibliography includes information about background checks. **Discretionary Fund (Good Samaritan) Policy.** As with a number of policies, Salem’s Good Samaritan Policy may benefit from review in the near future. **Pastoral Staff Position Descriptions, Responsibilities, and Goals.** Much progress is being made on these documents to be presented at the March council meeting. **Synod Assembly.** Registration deadline for Salem’s council-appointed delegates to the Synod Assembly is March 1st. The 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. **Secretarial Status.** February leave time. **Community Lenten Services.** Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 9th. The two cooperating churches (Salem and Longville Community) are planning to continue the practice of midweek services and soup suppers rotated between the two churches during the five middle weeks of Lent. The theme for the series is “By Faith” utilizing the book of Hebrews, especially the 11th chapter. Salem hosts on March 16th, 30th, and April 13th.

Membership Team- Dick Loeffler : New Business: Jim Bergerson presented dates for photo sessions at Salem. Dates chosen are: March 22nd thru March 26th and May 31st thru June 4th, 2011. Times are 2:30 PM 9:00 PM weekdays and 10:00Am to 5:00 PM on Saturdays. There should be 9 to 10 photo sessions per day. Bonus: People who bring in a food item will receive a \$5 coupon to be applied toward their photo packet. Food items will be donated to "Feed the Need". If you make your appointment on line you will get an additional \$10 coupon. And if you are 60 years old or more you will get a 20% coupon discount. If you are a volunteer on the photo directory you get a 25% discount. Confirmation reminders will be sent out. There will be 3 Sunday sign up tables after church for the March dates and 2 sign up tables for the May dates. Plus there will be hand-out pamphlets in the church bulletins looking for volunteers starting this Sunday with an announcement from the pulpit John Oberg will do it.. There will be a need for greeter at the photo sessions also. On Thursday February 17th will be the organizational meeting with Life Touch and Jim Bergerson at 2:00 PM at the church. Jean Westermann will be asked to help with the photo layouts. This volunteer needs to have computer skills. Seven activity pages will be free with less those 209 people photos and eight pages for more than 210. If all photo layout work is completed by the church within 30 days of the last photo session we get an additional 10% savings. Everyone gets one free 8x10 photo whether they purchase a packet or not. They will receive their photos from the church on a Sunday or it will be mailed out. It is estimated we have 400 baptized members. Life Touch will need an Excel format list of all members with names, e-mail addresses and phone numbers to export. Salem will provide it. Directory cover will be decided later. Ex: "Lord of Life Lutheran Church" Baxter has hands on cover of a whole family. Everyone liked that cover and we would add Salem photos on left edge of cover. Next Membership meeting date is April 26th at 10:00 AM at the church. Old Business: We need to hold another "New Member" orientation class after Easter. Dates to be looked at are the 2nd Sunday in May or a Saturday. Photos and cake will have to be set up also.

Youth & Family Ministry Team - Ginger Minske

We had a very positive and productive planning meeting upcoming events: Super Bowl Sunday with youth participation. Auction - is always held the 2nd Sunday in August. There will be a need for youth and adults to help with the food for a fund raiser for the kids. A team will be formed to take care of this task. Vacation Bible School: The date for VBS was changed to August 8-12. Again teams will be formed to help with VBS. Rebecca has picked a program to be used. Sunday school - We talked about the times for SS and what would accommodate more youth to be involved. We discussed having Sunday school after the service so the children could have a more complete program with music and learning about the Bible stories. Also, the teachers would like to be able to stay for the whole service. Curriculum for Sunday School was discussed and Laura Wheeler suggested a scope and sequence program starting with the 3 year old and each year progressing their learning experience. She has agreed to look into this for us. This program will start in fall with a Rally Sunday and we will need teachers and helpers. We want to have our Sunday school alive and inviting to all. Communication - Rebecca asked how we should communicate to the youth, parents, team members - e-mail, telephone, texting. All forms were acceptable. 30 Hour Famine - There is a program called 30 Hour Famine which would involve the Youth in the community. After reviewing the website I felt the information was valuable and our youth could experience how people in the mission field have to live with so little food to survive. They could learn how important mission work is and how fortunate they are compared to those who have so little. It would be great to invite youth from other churches in the area to be part of this. I encouraged the team to view the website so we can make a decision if we want to do this. The web site is www.30hourfamine.org

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Anderson, Secretary

Open Forum Town Hall Meeting

The "Town Hall Meeting" on Sunday, February 20th was attended by 25-30 members with opportunities provided to share their thoughts on random topics affecting our congregational life. Common understanding was sought on the need to put our differences behind us, and to reinvest in personal ownership for discovery and the development of Salem's vision for future missions and ministries. There was enough interest present to endorse the holding of future Town Hall Meetings for both mid-March and in mid-April. The topics for the Sunday, March 20th meeting will be developed by the church council with further inquires made of the congregation to help formulate topics for the meeting scheduled on Sunday, April 10th.

March Table Talk

"Hands that Share"

Treasurer's Report 1-1-11 to 1-31-11

General Fund

Amount Pledged Y-T-D 2011	\$ 13,984.
Amount Pledges Received to 1-31	<u>12,539.</u>
Difference-arrears	\$(1,445).

Debt Retirement

Beginning Balance 1-1-11	\$ 5,082.
Contributions Received 1-31	\$ 2,244.
Expenses 1-31	<u>\$(1660).</u>
Debt Ret. Bal 1-31	\$ 5,666.

Beginning Balance 1-1-11	\$ (2).
Contribution 1-31	\$ 16,265.
Expenses 1-31	\$(16,844).
Gen Fund Bal. 1-31	\$ (581).

EXPENSES

2011 ANNUAL BUDGET

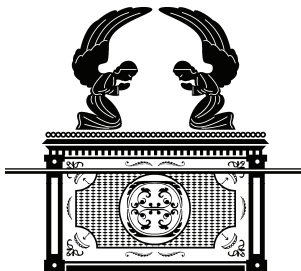
GENERAL FUND	JAN	YTD	APPROVED	REMAINING
Staff Expense	\$11,708	\$ 11,708	\$154,924	\$143,216
Church Bldg Expense	2,293	2,293	30,950	28,657
Worship Expense	1,865	1,865	15,850	13,985
Growth in Faith Expense	0	0	12,715	12,715
Fellowship Expense	159	159	2,200	2,041
Administration Expense	819	819	14,000	13,181
Total Regular Expenses	<u>\$16,844</u>	<u>\$ 16,844</u>	<u>\$230,639</u>	<u>\$213,795</u>
Benevolence Expense	0	0	25,557	25,557
Total all General Fund Exp	\$16,844	\$ 16,844	\$256,196	\$239,352

PAYMENTS

DEBT RETIREMENT FUND	JAN	YTD	LOAN BAL 1/31/11
	\$1660.	\$1,660.	\$14,870.07



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| 1 | Larry Nelson | 24 | Gene Drum |
| 2 | James Limburg | 24 | Stan Hawkinson |
| 3 | Shane Emerson | 24 | Ed Olson |
| 4 | Brandon Herheim | 25 | Joan Kickhafer |
| 4 | Anastasia Miller | 25 | Roger Zwart |
| 9 | Cheryl Kampa | 26 | Megan Halver |
| 10 | Richard Olsen | 26 | Don Waldera |
| 11 | Rachel Gross | 26 | Dennis Zuelke |
| 11 | Dorothy Weaver | 28 | Tena Johnson |
| 13 | Emma Mix | 29 | Ginny Muller |
| 14 | Alicia Burgers | 30 | Dave Cribb |
| 14 | Darold Moore | 31 | Jan Elliott |
| 15 | James Daudt | 31 | Paul Trom |
| 16 | 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 | | |



Moses and the high priests. It also represents our earthly bodies, where the Holy Spirit dwells.

Mortgage Update

Beg. Mortgage Balance	\$ 16,451.24
November payments:	
Principal	\$ 1,581.17
Interest	78.83
Mortgage Balance 1-31-11	\$ 14,870.07

Happy Anniversary

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|----|-------------------------|
| 1 | Nicole and Josh Dehn |
| 6 | Reg & Kathy Callies |
| 13 | Dale and Sonja Foss |
| 16 | Bob and Ginny Muller |
| 19 | Larry & Doris Nelson |
| 23 | John and Marilyn Holmer |

ARK OF THE COVENANT

The ark was at the center of worship for the Israelites. It contained the stone tablets of the Ten Commandments, a pot of manna and Aaron's rod. In the Old Testament, the ark was a visible representation of God's throne, or presence, on earth, where he communed with

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!

Martha Circle

Wednesday, March 2nd

9:30 a.m. at Salem

Hostess: Sharon Galvin

Ruth Circle

Thursday, March 10th

1:00 p.m. at Salem

The Quilting Party

meets 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!

Prayer Project Lifesaver Update

Thank you to everyone who has committed to being a pray-er for our youth. Your prayers for their safety and well-being are much needed because of all the temptations in their daily lives.

These are the Main Goals for Prayer Project Lifesaver:

1. That the youth be brought to Jesus Christ in prayer, daily. (If you miss some days, don't give up. Just pick up and keep going.)
2. That no youth be lost to predators.

THANK YOU for participating in this very important prayer project!

Extravaganza 2011!

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Registration deadline is March 1st.
Registration forms are available from Carol.

Mid-Week Lenten Series

Community Mid-Week Lenten Series “By Faith” begins at Salem Lutheran Church on Wednesday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m., preceded by soup and sandwich at 6:00 p.m. Services rotate between Salem Lutheran Church and the Longville Community Church. Using the Letter to the Hebrews, each Wednesday will focus on the faith of Noah, Abraham, Moses, Israel and Jesus respectively. Evening worship includes a meditation on faith and some faith stories. Join us as we again journey toward the cross where Jesus became the “pioneer and perfecter of our faith” (Hebrews 12:2).



Soup & Sandwich at 6:00 p.m.

Host church provides soup (bring your own sandwich)

The Symbolism of Ashes

On the first day of Lent, pastors in many churches dip a finger in ashes (often made by burning palm branches from the previous year’s Palm Sunday) and make a cross on parishioners’ foreheads.

God’s people have used ashes as a sign of mourning, humiliation and penitence. In the Old Testament, ashes were used as a purification offering. The New Testament speaks of repenting in “sackcloth and ashes” (Luke 10:13, NRSV).

On Ash Wednesday, Christians are pained because our sins - private and public - led to Jesus’ death. With repentant hearts, we begin the season of Lent, knowing it leads to resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Stop, Look and Listen

Why should we observe Lent?

We observe Lent because it causes us to STOP.

Lent says, “Stop and rest awhile.”

Lent says, “Stop doing wrong.”

We observe Lent because it tells us to LOOK.

Look inward for an honest self-examination.

Look upward to see the cross of Christ with healing and love.

Look forward to the hope of the Resurrection.

We observe Lent because it tells us to LISTEN.

Listen to the words of Christ.

Listen to the voice of God.

Listen to the winds of the Spirit of God.

Stop, look and listen.

These three words are important for our safety in travel, but they may also be helpful for our journey through the days of Lent.



**What
Are You Giving
Up?**

Forgiveness BRACELET

Jesus died on the cross to forgive our sins, and he tells us to forgive other people, too. Make and wear this craft as a reminder that you are forgiven — and should be forgiving.

What you need:

- Clear plastic bottle (about 16 oz.)
- An adult to help
- Scissors
- Construction paper
- Permanent black marker
- Glue or clear tape
- Thin ribbon or yarn
- Small hole punch

What you do:

1. Remove any label from the bottle. Have an adult help you cut the bottle in half, width-wise. At the middle, cut out two identical half-inch-wide strips.
2. Cut out paper the same size as the plastic strips.
3. On the paper, write “Forgive, and you will be forgiven” (Luke 6:37, NIV).
4. Place the paper between the two plastic strips.
5. Cut and glue the ribbon or yarn to run along the top and bottom of the verse, framing the words.
6. Punch a hole at each end, through all three layers.
7. Tie the bracelet to your wrist with ribbon or yarn.

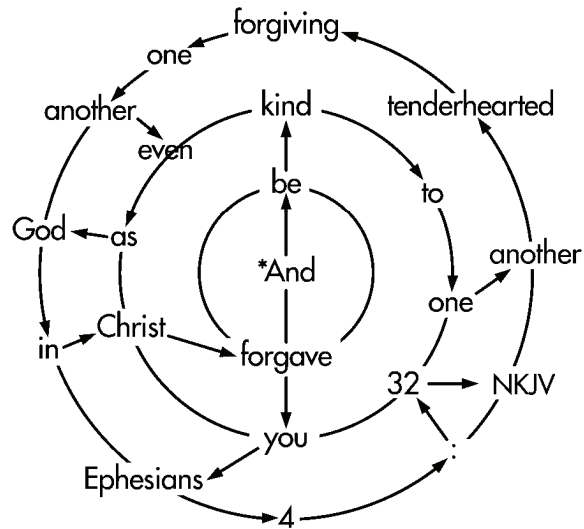


WHY FORGIVE?



This Bible verse teaches an important lesson about how we should treat others — and why.

Directions: Start with the asterisk in the center circle and follow the arrows. Write the words in order on the blanks below.



“And _____ ,
 _____ , _____
 _____ , _____
 _____ .”
 _____ , _____

Answers: And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:32, NKJV

BEYOND THE DOOR

To better love God and Christ, our friend,
 We pass through death’s door; but it’s not the end.
 It’s only the birth of something more —
 The eternal joy earth’s prepared us for!

Peggy Ferrell

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday



Saturday

		<p>1 9:00 a.m. (co-ed) Bone Building 10:00 a.m. Confronting Death 4:00 p.m. PMLT</p>	<p>2 8:00 a.m. Men's Renewal 9:30 a.m. Martha Circle 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Gathering 6:30 p.m. The Divine Drama</p>	<p>3 9:30 a.m. Quilting Party</p>	<p>4 9:00 a.m. (co-ed) Bone Building</p> 	<p>5</p>
<p>6 <i>Transfiguration Sunday</i> 9:00 a.m. Traditions Communion Worship 9:20 a.m. Kid's Church 10:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship</p>	<p>7 9:00 a.m. Worship Team 1:00 p.m. Busy Needles</p>	<p>8 9:00 a.m. (co-ed) Bone Building 10:00 a.m. The Journey of Grief & The Definition Of Grief 6:00 p.m. Membership Team</p>	<p>9 8:00 a.m. Men's Renewal 9:30 a.m. Music Planning 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship 8:00 p.m. Council</p>  <p>Ash Wednesday</p>	<p>10 9:00 a.m. Chaplain's Meeting 9:30 a.m. Quilting Party 1:00 p.m. Ruth Circle</p>	<p>11 9:00 a.m. (co-ed) Bone Building 8:45 am-3:00 pm Child/Teen Checkup</p>	<p>12 Extravaganza 2011! 9:15 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Cloquet, MN</p>
<p>13 9:00 a.m. Traditions Worship 9:20 a.m. Kid's Church 10:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship</p> <p><i>Set clocks ahead 1 hour</i></p>	<p>14 1:00 p.m. Busy Needles</p>	<p>15 9:00 a.m. (co-ed) Bone Building 10:00 a.m. The Dimensions of Grief 6:30 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>16 8:00 a.m. Men's Renewal 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Salem</p>	<p>17 9:00 a.m. Caring Community 9:30 a.m. Quilting Party</p> 	<p>18 9:00 a.m. (co-ed) Bone Building</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>Pastor's Continuing Education</p>						<p>Pastor's Leave Weekend</p>
<p>20 <i>Pastor Larry Nelson</i> 9:00 a.m. Praise Connection Communion Worship 9:20 a.m. Kid's Church 10:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship</p> <p><i>First Day of Spring</i></p>	<p>21 1:00 p.m. Busy Needles</p>	<p>22 9:00 a.m. (co-ed) Bone Building 10:00 a.m. The Needs of Grief 6:30 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>23 8:00 a.m. Men's Renewal 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Longville Community Church</p>	<p>24 9:30 a.m. Quilting Party</p>	<p>25 9:00 a.m. (co-ed) Bone Building</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>Pictorial Directory Photo Sessions</p>						
<p>Pastor's Leave Weekend</p>	<p>Pastor's Vacation March 14 - April 16</p>					
<p>27 <i>Pastor Del Jacobson</i> 9:00 a.m. Traditions Worship 9:20 a.m. Kid's Church 10:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship</p>	<p>28 1:00 p.m. Busy Needles</p>	<p>29 9:00 a.m. Bone Building 10:00 a.m. The Ceremonies of Grief & The Normal Reactions of Grief 6:30 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>30 8:00 a.m. Men's Renewal 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Salem</p>	<p>31 9:30 a.m. Quilting Party</p>		
<p>Pastor's Vacation March 14 - April 16</p>						



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DATE	ASH WED. 3/9	WED. 3/16	WED. 3/23	WED. 3/30	WED. 4/6	WED. 4/13	HOLY Week
LOCATION	all churches	Salem Lutheran	Comm. Church	Salem Lutheran	Comm. Church	Salem Lutheran	all churches
PREACHER		Duane Brown	Rebecca Waterhouse	Duane Brown	Rebecca Waterhouse	Duane Brown	
TOPIC		Faith of Noah	Faith of Abraham	Faith of Moses	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.



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