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Salem Lutheran Church

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College & Military Update & More



Adam Cribb

Adam is attending Minnesota State University in Moorhead, MN. He is studying business with a minor in Music.

Annie Cribb

Annie is taking a semester off but still is the coach for a Bemidji High School Dance Team.

Marcus Digre

Marcus is in his 2nd year at Concordia College in Moorhead, MN with a major in religion.

Kelly Dollins

Graduated May 2007, passed bar exam in October 2007, and is now working for a private law firm in Pennsylvania. She is also engaged to be married.

Emily Gilsrud

Emily is in her 1st year at Concordia College, Moorhead. She plans to go into nursing.

Scott LaVallee

Scott is in the army stationed (3 yr) in Germany. He is doing interrogation.

Shelby Lewis (Sandstrom)

Graduated in 2005 and is working in a bank. She is having a baby in March.

Toni Monson

Toni is in her 5th year at Augsburg College majoring in Business.

Alice Moore (Edwards)

Alice is going to the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis.

Beth Hardinger (Raines)

Has worked as a paraprofessional at a school in Havre, MT. They are planning to move back to MN with the new baby.

Shelly Raines

Shelly is working for a day care provider and at Target in Brainerd.

Kylee Sandstrom

Kylee is taking a break from college. She is working at a halfway house.

Wade Sandstrom

Wade is working for the Forest Service in Walker. He is a supervisor now.

Spencer Seifert

Spencer is in his 1st year at Itasca State College majoring in Paper & Pulp.

Tyler Seifert

Tyler is in his 1st year at Central Lakes College, Brainerd majoring in Marine & Small Engines.

Jennie Semmler

Jennie graduated May 2007. She runs a group home in Minneapolis and hopes to start nurses training soon.

Dawn Waldera

Dawn is in her last semester of nurses training at Central Lakes College, Brainerd. She might continue for RN.

Andrew Wheeler

Graduated May 2007. He is working for Combined Insurance out of Brainerd.

Brandon Wheeler

First year at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

Steven Wheeler

Steven is in his 3rd year at Michigan Tech, Houghton, IA and is majoring in computer science.

The Way Out

Pastor John Monson

“He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay.” (Psalm 40:2)

During Lent, which comes early this year, our midweek services will include a series of messages on the Psalms. The theme for the series chosen by our Longville Ministerium is “The Way Out.” In the poetry and metaphors of the Psalms we sense the powerful reach of God lifting us up and giving us new strength.

As the hymnbook of ancient Israel, the Psalms are songs primarily of praise and lament. Songs express the hopes, dreams and longings of God’s people. An old African-American spiritual affirms that God is able to make “A Way Out of No Way.” Regardless of where we find ourselves in life, God is with us. God is with us in both triumphant and tragic events with a continuously unfolding and marvelously meaningful plan. We may not know what the

future holds, but we know who holds the future, and we are a part of that future.

As we read and meditate this Lent on the psalm book of ancient Israel, we will identify with the highs and lows that are common to us all. There is an old saying, “Suffering colors life, but we can choose the color.” The message of the Psalms is that God gives color to life, and that color is painted in more shades than the blues. Drawn into the presence of God, the psalm writers often “changed their tune,” as the song in their hearts was transformed from a dirge to a hymn.

Welcome to this year’s Lenten journey! Whatever storms, discouragement or fears we face, we will be challenged with a destiny big enough to inspire us and a strength sufficient to accomplish all into which God leads us.



Lent begins

February 6 Ash Wednesday
(see Lenten schedule on back page)

Holy Week:

Palm Sunday	March 16	Worship at 9:00 a.m.
Maundy Thursday	March 20	Worship at 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday	March 21	Worship at 7:00 p.m.
Easter Sunrise Service	March 23	Worship at 7:00 a.m.
Easter Festival Service	March 23	Worship at 9:00 a.m.

Office Notes



Our Newsletter and Calendar are on the World Wide Web.

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

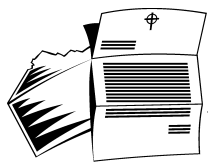
Ministry Opportunity

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.



Electric Banking

See back of calendar for details.



Annual Giving Statements

2008 STATEMENTS
 Statements will be mailed out on January 28th so if you do not receive yours please contact the church office.
 Don Waldera, Financial Sec.

DEVOTIONALS

The new February/March devotional booklets may be picked up from the stand by the church entrance.
Take one to a friend!

Adult Bible Study & Confirmation Classes

(during Lent)
 Sundays at 10:15 a.m.

- Studying:
- Feb. 6th *Ash Wed. Worship 7:00 p.m.*
 - Feb. 10th *Zacchaeus*
 - Feb. 17th *Sheep & Goats*
 - Feb. 24th *Parable of the Vineyard*

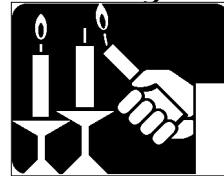
Love One Another



DIRECTORY UPDATE

Bill Miller has agreed to take pictures for an update to our pictorial directory. Jean Westermann will do the update this spring. If you have not had your picture taken for the directory please call Bill Miller at 566-2780 to set up a time. He plans to start Sunday, February 17th.

Acolyte Schedule



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

Sunday, February 3

9:00 a.m. *Traditions/Communion*
 Brittney Nornberg & Zach Nornberg

Sunday, February 10

9:00 a.m. *Traditions*
 Jordan Loren & Caity Daudt

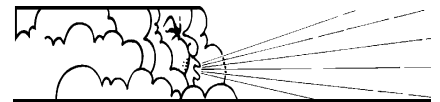
Sunday, February 17

9:00 a.m. *Jubilee/Communion*
 Sierra Likens & Jacob Murtley

Sunday, February 24

9:00 a.m. *Traditions*
 Caity Daudt & Amber Nornberg

(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.)



Emergency Weather Announcements

For notice of Salem's weather-related cancellations and postponements please tune to:

- KLIZ 107.5 (Walker)
- KLKS 104.3 (Breezy Point)
- KTIG 102.7 (Pequot Lakes)
- KBLB 93.3 (Brainerd)
- WJY 106.7 FM (Brainerd)
- KSAX or (Alexandria)
- KCCO television (Alexandria)

Council Highlights

Salem Council Highlights

December 12, 2007

“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

January 9, 2008

1. **Financial Secretary**– Don Waldera reported that the giving statements for 2007 can be picked up at the church or will be mailed out by the by the end of January. If you do not receive a giving statement for 2007 please contact Don.
2. **Property Management Team** – The soundproofing project in Pastor Monson’s office is near completion. Thank you to all the volunteers for their hard work in making this project go smoothly.
3. **Property Management Team** – The Council gave Dave Trampe and his committee the authority to re-key the locks in the church building as needed.
4. **Distribution of Funds** – The Council moved to make NE Synod Benevolence payment of \$1,500 for the month of January 2008.
5. **Building Expansion** – The Council decided it was time to look into the future needs of the Congregation and the church building to determine if a building expansion project is needed. The Executive Committee and the Property Management Team will be exploring this and reporting back to the Council.

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)



LAWSUIT UPDATE

Attorney Leatha Wolter, leading the defense in the lawsuit against Salem Lutheran Church, delivered the demands of the plaintiff in her visit to Salem on November 29th. Ms. Wolter was very pleased with the information she received from the groups and individuals she met with at Salem which help provide a solid defense. She reiterated her sentiment that Salem does not belong in this suit. While it is reasonable to expect that there will be some sort of settlement (without admission of liability) in the coming months, there remains a possibility that the matter may go to trial (which would be held in Cass County). Tabaka's Super Valu has been formally added to the suit against Salem. Our attorney urges us to continue to refrain from providing information (except as required) about this case.



February 6th at 7:00 p.m.



*Happy Valentines Day
February 14th*

Treasurer's Report



General Fund

Beginning Balance Dec. 1, 2007	\$ 2,713.58
Income for December	24,563.16
Expenses for December	15,150.03
Ending Balance Dec. 31, 2007	\$ 12,126.71



Mortgage Update

Beg. Mortgage Balance	\$ 87,722.91
December payments:	
Principal	\$ 1,239.46
Interest	420.54
Mortgage Balance	\$ 86,483.45
December 31, 2007	

IMPORTANT NOTICE

To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, please do not file your 2007 income tax return until you have received a written acknowledgement of your contributions from the church. Some of your contributions may not be tax deductible.
Thank you.

February's Special People



Ushers

Ken Kostial
(682-3532)



ALTAR GUILD

February

Connie Olsen, Chair
Diane Wiehle, Barb McCuskey,
Pete Welcome, Jackie Lorensen
and Louise Daudt

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| 1 | Debbie Dollins | 25 | Karen Lehmann |
| 1 | Shelly Fanth | 25 | Mark Houghton |
| 1 | Lois Meyer | 26 | Ronald Mitchell |
| 2 | Marian Holt | 27 | Micky Halverson |
| 3 | Thea Monson | 27 | William Herheim |
| 3 | Lee Thomas | 27 | Gene Olson |
| 3 | Elmer Schwerin | 28 | Andrea Semmler |
| 3 | Sam Schwartz | 28 | Trevor Johnson |
| 3 | Amber Poole | 28 | Heidi Johnson |
| 3 | Ilean Moore | | |
| 6 | Dawn Gilsrud | | |
| 6 | Spencer Seifert | | |
| 6 | Tyler Seifert | | |
| 6 | Adam Cribb | | |
| 10 | Dillon Loren | | |
| 12 | Bill Elliott | | |
| 12 | Bob Alley | | |
| 12 | Mike Daudt | | |
| 12 | Stephen Henriksen | | |
| 12 | Barb Nordstrom | | |
| 13 | Rod Mouw | | |
| 13 | Grant Waterhouse | | |
| 14 | Louise Daudt | | |
| 15 | Susan Lewis | | |
| 16 | Toni Drum | | |
| 16 | Dennis Johnson | | |
| 17 | Scott Wicks | | |
| 18 | Marcus Digre | | |
| 20 | Gloria Graham | | |
| 20 | Marilyn Halverson | | |
| 20 | Marie Wenstrand | | |
| 20 | Alice Moore | | |
| 21 | Brittany Frederick | | |
| 22 | Doug Burgers | | |
| 24 | Sophia Gilsrud | | |
| 24 | Gerald Meeks | | |
| 24 | Alexandria Monroy | | |
| 24 | Paige Nornberg | | |
| 25 | Karen Lehmann | | |
| 25 | Mark Houghton | | |

Happy Anniversary

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|----|---------------------------|
| 1 | Lee and Jean Thomas |
| 2 | Richard and Karen Lehmann |
| 7 | Ken and Roni Zoller |
| 13 | Charles and Gloria Larson |
| 22 | John and Charlene Olson |
| 22 | Chuck and Diane Ruebling |
| 23 | Dick and Connie Olsen |
| 23 | Mark and Patty Lange |
| 25 | Ralph and Doris Schmidt |

CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS



The chalice is a symbol of Holy Communion. The pointed cross is known as the Passion Cross, Agony Cross or Cross of Sufferings. Together these symbols represent the agony of Christ's passion and his obedient suffering.

This and That



RED HAT SOCIETY

Ladies

The Red Hat Society (fun) luncheon will be held on Tuesday, February 12th. We will eat at Patrick's Fine Dining at 11:30 a.m. and then go to the Bear Pause Theater for their matinee at 1:00 p.m. The movie is \$5.00.

Menu: Not finalized by printing. Call Lori Daudt.

Call Lori Daudt 363-2952 or Lori Luvs 363-2333 by Friday, February 8th to register.



SALEM'S SPECIAL GIFTS

Salem's Special Gifts booklet has been updated. Lots of new items have been added. Copies will be available in the pews soon. To obtain additional copies, please contact the church office.

If you are interested in purchasing any of the items from this list, or giving towards an item on this list, please call Sharon Smitten at 363-2062. The selection committee will do the ordering. Thank you.

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

Thank you, Thank you

A HUGE thank you to each and every one of you who responded to our request for prayer shawls.

We received an array of beautiful shawls and ask that you continue knitting or crocheting to help us in our ministry.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Money Counters

Feb. 3	Hans Aagard	682-3386
	Bob Smitten	363-2062
Feb. 10	Dennis Johnson	889 -2376
	Barbara Anderson	363-2649
Feb. 17	Bob Kohanek	363-2880
	Connor Galvin	363-2115
Feb. 24	Dick Olsen	566-1546
	Ron Wiehle	363-3070

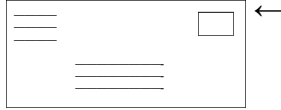
Bone Building/Yoga/Line Dancing

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!



Please Save Your Stamps

Did you receive a letter or card today? Did it have a regular postage stamp on it? Did you know it is valuable?

Used stamps are collected and sent to a church in Washington, DC where they are sent for processing in hospitals and other centers. Here they are removed from the paper, sorted, packaged and sold to collectors. This provides an income, and for some it's a therapy.

From one epileptic hospital in Germany, we received a report that there were enough stamps processed to care for 4 nurses in Africa for 1 year.

Carefully tear, or cut, the stamp from the envelope leaving about 1/4 to 1/2 inch (at least) and place them in the collection pail on the shelf in the narthex. This spring 8 pounds were sent out for which we received a thank you.

Come one and all at Salem and let's fill that pail often. Thank You!! Dorothea Felton, Coordinator

Martha Circle/Bible Study

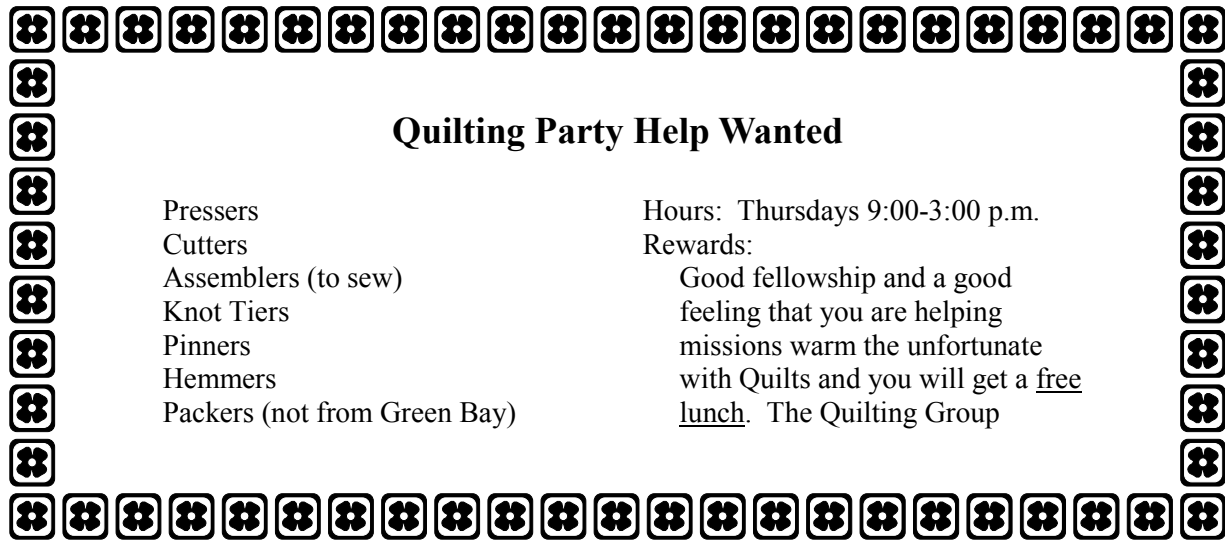
Wednesday, February 6th at 7:15 p.m.
Hostess: Louise Daudt
Leader: Marilyn Lilyquist

Ruth Circle/Bible Study

Meets Thursday, February 17th
at 1:00 p.m.
Hostess: Quilting Party

Rebekah Circle/Bible Study

Thursday, February 28th
6:00 p.m. Showing the Movie:
The Passion of Christ
Everyone Is Welcome!



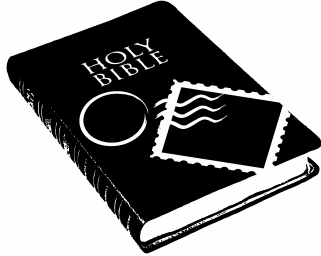
Quilting Party Help Wanted

- Pressers
- Cutters
- Assemblers (to sew)
- Knot Tiers
- Pinners
- Hemmers
- Packers (not from Green Bay)

Hours: Thursdays 9:00-3:00 p.m.
 Rewards:
 Good fellowship and a good feeling that you are helping missions warm the unfortunate with Quilts and you will get a free lunch. The Quilting Group

This and That

THE BIBLE AS A LETTER



Soren Kjerkegaard, a brilliant 19th-century philosopher, said this about the Bible: “The Bible should be read as a letter from God with our personal address on it.”

How true! The Bible tells us who’s behind our amazing lives. The Bible makes clear the source of our existence and explains how we’re to live out our years on Earth. The Bible gives us the best rules for living with others and for living in our own skin.

Scripture tells us of the wisdom of saints and the foolishness of scoundrels. It explains how God tries to relate to us. It guides us and provides strength and courage through our daily lives.

The Bible tells how God walked among us on Earth in the person of Christ. Most importantly, it details how Christ revealed God’s immeasurable love for all humankind.

Finally, the Bible assures us that God not only cares for us here and now but will care for us in the hereafter. Forever and forever!

WHY ASH WEDNESDAY?

Traditionally, the Christian church has observed the seven weeks before Easter as a time of penitence and spiritual self-examination.

Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent, derives its name from the ancient practice of marking the foreheads of worshipers with ashes from the unused palm branches of the previous year. Ashes historically have had a dual significance.

First, they are Old Testament symbols of sadness and humility. Job, in the midst of all his troubles, cried out to God from the ash heap.

The second symbolic meaning of ashes is as a reminder of our mortality. Each of us faces the inevitability of physical death. Our bodies and material possessions eventually will turn to dust and ashes. This is a reminder that we dare not trust in things that crumble.

But Lent does not leave us on the ash heap. It begins with Ash Wednesday, but ends with Easter. And Easter proclaims that, through Christ, God resurrects us from our dust and ashes, makes us new creatures and brings life out of death!

BIG THANK YOU

A Big Thank You for the wonderful gifts of monies and food to the Longville Food Shelf.

Stacy Miller, Coordinator

Dara Hillstrom In The Mission Field

December 31, 2007

Salem Lutheran: As I reflect on the last 12 months of my life I am in awe. Just a year ago I was writing you asking for your prayers and support as I was preparing to take off on a dream come true on Mercy Ships in West Africa. Well, that blessed time came and went all too quickly. In addition to the incredible time on the ship (where I saw lives transformed and physical deformities reversed), I also had the opportunity to spend a month in a rural village being a teacher. Both experiences were far more incredible that I ever imagined they would be. As I returned to the States I continued to see how deeply my experiences had touched my life ...and changed me. I have been very restless after returning back to "normalcy" here. I have waited, prayed, and waited some more. I have been longing to feel settled back down here in my life in Scottsdale. Well, through a number of events I finally realized that I was no longer living on the mountain top of an incredible experience but I was being stirred deeply by something greater than myself. God has been calling me back to Africa. So, I write this to share with you that I will be returning to Africa. This time I will be working through an organization called Hands at Work. It is a South African based ministry that has a year long internship program called Footprints. I will be arriving in Johannesburg, South Africa on February 23 and then spend 10 weeks in South Africa going through Hands at Work training. Through this time I will develop a deeper understanding of the needs of the people of Africa in order to be better prepared to serve them. From there I will go on to do 9 months of Outreach in one of the countries where Hands at Work has active projects in need of nurses (Mozambique, Zambia or the Democratic Republic of the Congo). During the Outreach portion I will be doing a number of nursing things with the primary focus being to care for the poorest of the poor through home-based care. After the 9 months of Outreach I will then return back to South Africa for a week or so of debriefing before returning to the States.

I am humbled by the fact that the Lord thinks I am cut out for this. My greatest needs right now are your prayers! Please be praying for this opportunity. Specifically pray for me to be wise in the planning process— to manage and obtain the needed finances, make flight arrangements, and sell/store and get rid of my things in my apartment here. Also pray I will have a heart eager to serve and for strength in leaving behind the comforts of life, family and friends here. Also pray that I will catch on to the local language in Africa. That would be a great help in building relationships and functioning as a nurse in assessing and caring for patients. :-)

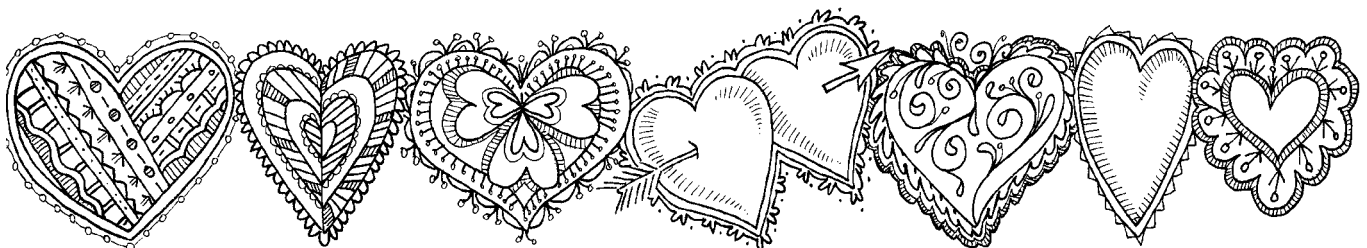
Among one of the many blessings in all of this is that I will be going with a friend, Laura.. We worked together on Mercy Ships. We went our separate ways after the time on the ship but a couple months ago I heard from a mutual friend that Laura was also looking into Hands at Work. So, as you pray, please pray for Laura and me as we go serve together. It is amazing how God has things planned for us long before we have the understanding.

I anticipate being able to use and update my blog as often as possible before and during my time. Please keep up on my experience as you desire— www.thereforego.blogspot.com . Also, to learn more about Hands at Work please visit www.handsatwork.org . I also want to continue to be involved in your life here, so please email me— darajean15@hotmail.com .

Thank you for being part of this journey. Thank you for praying, thank you for encouraging me and loving me. We are all in this together...

May God richly bless you, Dara Hillstrom

**Her letter is on the KIOSK



Give a heart



One way to show love is to do something nice for someone else. Luke 10:27 tells us to love our neighbors, but who are our neighbors? Everyone is!

Make these fun heart treats to share with some of your neighbors.

What you need:

- Saucepan
- 2 tablespoons of butter
- 2 or 3 bags of miniature marshmallows
- 4 cups of crisp-rice cereal (regular or chocolate)
- 9 x 13 pan
- Heart-shaped cookie cutter
- Bag of chocolate chips (milk or white chocolate)
- Bowl
- Zipper sandwich baggie
- Scissors

What you do (with adult help):

1. Melt butter in saucepan and add marshmallows.
2. Stir until mixture becomes difficult to stir anymore. Mix in cereal and stir.
3. Butter the 9 x 13 pan and spread the mixture evenly in it. Allow to cool.
4. When cool, use cookie cutter to cut out heart-shaped treats.
5. Melt chocolate chips in a bowl in the microwave.
6. Spoon melted chocolate into a baggie. Cut off a corner and drizzle chocolate over the treats.
7. Enjoy giving a heart to your neighbor!

Just for KIDS

LOVE

In the Bible, Jesus says there are two greatest commandments. Below is a heart with continuous words around it. With your pencil, draw lines between the words. Then copy the words onto the lines below to complete Luke 10:27, NIV.

LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH AND WITH ALL YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.

Answer: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Thoughts for Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day, a time when thoughts turn to love. But what is love? Is it a box of chocolates, or a pretty valentine? Is it a red rose, or maybe a dozen? Is it a peck on the cheek, a fond embrace, or a big bear hug?

Well, sometimes love is known in those ways. But love, real love, is how we relate to God and to one another if life is what it ought to be--beautiful!

2008 LONGVILLE AREA COMMUNITY LENTEN PROGRAM



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

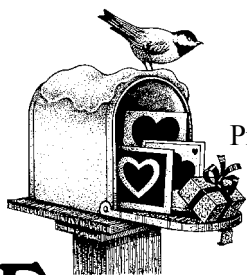
DATE	ASH WED. 2/6	WED. 2/13	WED. 2/20	WED. 2/27	WED. 3/5	WED. 3/12	HOLY Week
LOCATION	all churches	St. Edwards	Comm. Church	St. Edwards	Comm. Church	Salem Lutheran	all churches
PREACHER	all churches	John Monson	Roland Antus	Duane Brown	John Monson	Duane Brown	all pastors
TOPIC	When We No Longer Recognize Ourselves	Nothing To Hide	Hill Climbing	A Straying Heart	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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