

# Salem Lutheran Church

# Bell

March 2026

*Rooted in Christ  
to love,  
grow  
& serve*

## Wednesdays in Lent

### Bread & Broth Supper & Worship

Wednesday's March 4, 11, 18, 25

5:00pm Salem's Fellowship Hall

As was common in the early church...we will eat together as we gather to hear scripture, faith stories, and pray. Faith stories are expressions of your understanding and experience of God, how this understanding affects your decisions and attitudes in the past and today, and what you would like others to know about your relationship with God.

**If you would like to be one of our Faith Story Sharers**, please contact Pastor Trish. Everyone is Welcome but typically we hear one Faith Story per evening.

Suppers include soup & bread. **Sign up to bring a FULL crockpot of soup (minimum of 4 needed each Wednesday) or bread** at church or call the church office. Wednesday offerings are designated for the Longville Area Food Shelf as a communal expression of our Faith Story and part of God's passion to help people who are in need in our community.

## Easter Flowers

In lieu of Live Easter Lily plants donate toward live flower arrangements and designate it towards the memory of loved one by March 29<sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday).

Names will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletins. Look for a signup sheet.

## Easter Sunday Breakfast

April 5<sup>th</sup> | 8am -9am

Serving Egg Bake, Muffins, Fresh Fruit, Coffee & Juice.

Freewill donations welcome.

Sign up (sign up table across from sound/video booth or call the church office) to bring food items and to help set up, serve & clean up. A co-leader would also be welcome and if you would be willing to help organize this, please contact Laura Flohaug.

**Everyone is welcome!!**

## Holy Week & Easter Sunday Worship

**Palm Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> | 9:00am Worship**

Come hear the story of the last week of Jesus' life and Salem's Choir resume leading us in song.

**Maundy Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> | 6:30pm**

Join us as we "dine" with Jesus and the disciples during the night he is betrayed and arrested.

**Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> | 6:30pm**

Hear and sing the story of the day Jesus dies on the cross for us.

**Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> | 7:00am & 9:00am Worship**

Alleluia! He is Risen! Celebrate with us the Good News of Jesus resurrection and what that means for us as we live as resurrection people.





# March Worship Volunteers

## March 1 | 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Pianist	Nadja Jorgenson
Ushers/Greeters	Beth Tobiason, Laura Flohaug
Lay Reader	Jan Stadtherr
Bread Server	Pastor Trish
Wine/Grape Juice	Jan Stadtherr
Communion Care	Laura Flohaug
Sound Technician	Egon Overgaard
Video Technicians	Mitch Jorgenson, Ron Stadtherr
Money Counters	Greg Peters Jim Fladmoe
Fellowship	Emma, Mitch & Egon

## March 8 | 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Ushers/Greeters	Mark & Pat Wrucke
Lay Reader	Cris Smith
Bread Servers	Pastor Trish
Wine/Grape Juice	Beth Tobiason
Communion Care	Chris Smith
Sound Technician	Craig Anderson
Video Technicians	Bob & Nan Ladehoff
Money Counters	Don Falls, Garry Gaffey
Fellowship	Wrucke/Peters

## March 15 | 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

Ushers/Greeters	Roger & Linda Bechtold
Lay Reader	Jim Fladmoe
Bread Servers	Pastor Trish
Wine/Grape Juice	Jo Gaffey
Communion Care	Jo Gaffey
Sound Technician	Jim Fladmoe
Video Technician	Mike & Hope Olson
Money Counters	Roger Bechtold, Randy Swanson
Fellowship	Men's Fellowship

## March 22 | 5 Sunday in Lent

Ushers/Greeters	Scott & Allison Magnus
Lay Reader	Greg Peters
Bread Servers	Pastor Trish
Wine/Grape Juice	Diane Peters
Communion Care	Diane Peters
Sound Technician	Pat Wrucke
Video Technicians	Ron Stadtherr, Mark Wrucke
Money Counters	Mike Meagher, Mark Wrucke
Fellowship	Doris Schmidt

## March 29 | Palm Sunday

Ushers/Greeters	Barb McCuskey & Doris Schmidt
Lay Reader	Linda Bechtold
Wine/Grape Juice	Laura Flohaug
Bread Servers	Pastor Trish
Communion Care	Barb McCuskey
Sound Technician	Craig Anderson
Video Technicians	TBD
Money Counters	Garry Gaffey, Jenny Shock
Fellowship	Flohaug Team



# March Birthdays



1 Larry Nelson	21 Beverly Baldwin
1 Jim Fladmoe	21 Mark Nordstrom
3 Shane Emerson	22 T. Frank Daudt
7 Michael Carlson	22 Sara Kopca
8 Abbie Lucas	22 Steven Halver
9 Cheryl Kampa	23 Ron Lund
10 Paul Hanson	24 Stan Hawkinson
11 Dorothy Weaver	24 Sara Felton
11 Rachel Gross	24 Edwin Olson
13 Emma Mix	25 Joan Kickhafer
16 Jenny Nordstrom	26 Dennis Zuelke
17 Jim Lewis	26 Megan Halver
17 Hope Olson	26 Scarlett Wheeler
18 Nadja Jorgenson	27 Roger Bechtold
19 Patty Lange	27 James Evans
19 Tim Klosner	30 Camden Nihart
21 David Felton	31 Jan Elliott

# March Anniversaries



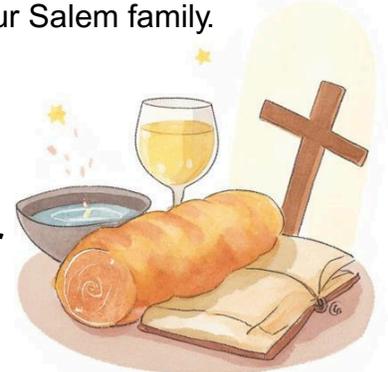
6 Kathy & Robert Callies
19 Larry & Doris Nelson
15 Terry & Sheila Dutton
25 Brian & Brenda Mullenmaster



# Communion Volunteers Needed

Join our team of dedicated volunteers who prepare Holy Communion each Sunday for Worship. Before worship we prepare the bread and gluten free crackers on plates, fill 'cups' of wine and grape juice in trays, and place items on the altar. After worship we clean up and vacuum up any crumbs around the altar area. This volunteer position is scheduled and posted in Salem's newsletter and bulletin. If you can't volunteer when you are scheduled simply switch with someone else in the rotation and let the church office know. Our team will teach you what you need to know and help you for as long as you need so you feel confident and comfortable doing this important ministry for our Salem family.

**Men and women call either the church office or Laura Flohaug for more information or to sign up.**



## Salem Finances as of January 2026

January contributions were \$11,856.20. However, we spent \$16,858.01 on Operating expenses in January. As a result, we had to use \$5,001.81 of the Operating Fund Reserve, which is the monies left over from 2025.

As of January 31, \$27,797.79 remains in the Operating Reserve Fund. The goal for income to meet our approved budget is \$20,308.25 per month. We were short \$8,452.05 of that goal in January.

Our most challenging months for Operating Expenses are January, February, March and April.

**Thank you for generous giving**

## Salem Quilters

Thursdays in March | 9am to 12pm

Salem Quilters are picking up their needles to make quilts for people in need through Lutheran World Relief and in our local community. No quilting or sewing experience needed - we need help cutting material, tying quilts, designing layouts, making and serving and coffee, or whatever is needed that particular day. We have a lot of fun, and everyone is welcome - men and women!

## Salem Endowment Legacy & Education Scholarship Funds

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” - Nelson Mandela  
Consider giving a one time or recurring gift to either Salem’s Endowment Legacy Fund or Education Scholarship Fund today!

## Hiring - Salem Choir Director

This is a paid position. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6pm. Choir sings most Sundays, Palm Sunday through Christmas Eve. Applications and a job description are available in the church office.

Application deadline is May 1, 2026

## Longville Area Food Shelf

The Food Shelf is in need of FUNDS and HELP serving people experiencing food insecurity and hunger. Join us Wednesdays from 9a to 3p - or whatever time you can give. To contribute financially, you can give directly to the Longville Area Food Shelf: P.O. Box 308, Longville, MN 56655, or designate your donation through Salem, memo: LAFS.

## Help the Sun Help Our Energy Bills

Help our Property Team clear snow off the Solar Array panels to keep them operating efficiently after snowfalls. Contact Roger Bechtold at 763-498-9114.

## March Announcements



**Clinton (Rusty) Russell Lilyquist**  
September 30, 1969 - February 7, 2026  
Celebration of Life at Salem  
February 14, 2026



## Confirmation & Youth Group

Sundays from 4pm - 6pm

All 7th - 12th Grade Students welcome

## Sunday School

March 8 | 11am - 1:30pm

March’s Theme: The Story of Easter  
Lunch Provided!

All 4-year-old - 6th students welcome!

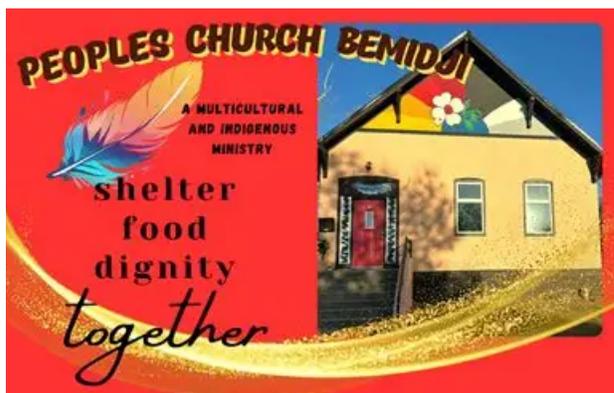
## 1st Sunday of the Month

## ELCA World Hunger Noisy Offering

Bring or give whatever change you have in your pockets, purse, or piggy bank and throw it in the buckets during the welcome at worship!

February Total was \$93.55 THANK YOU!

# Peoples Church Campaign



The People’s Church in Bemidji was recently renovated to better serve their guests. They are now able to not only provide more sleeping shelter to people experiencing homelessness but continue providing a hot meal at night and in the morning. However, in order to continue meeting the needs of their guests. they need our help. Their kitchen must meet Commercial guidelines as related to the pans and warming serving tables. Watch for more information soon about how we can help this vitally important ministry to a sister congregation as they reach out to some of our most vulnerable neighbors in need.

# MARCH 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 4pm - 6pm Confirmation & Youth Group	2 1pm Busy Needles	3 9am Bone Builders 9:30am Text Study 4pm Faith Formation	4 10am Learning Ministry Team 11am Constitution Update Team 4pm Acoustic Group Rehearsal 5pm Bread & Broth Lenten Worship	5 9am - Noon Salem Quilters	6 9am Bone Builders 2pm Policy & Procedure Update Team 6pm AI-Anon	7 8am Bread Ministry Baking
8 <i>Daylight Savings</i> 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 11am - 1:30pm Sunday School 4pm - 6pm Confirmation & Youth Group	9 9:30am Men's Bible Sharing 1pm Busy Needles	10 8:30am - 1pm AARP Tax Help 9am Bone Builders 9:30am Text Study 4pm Faith Formation	11 4pm Acoustic Group Rehearsal 5pm Bread & Broth Lenten Worship & Community Meal	12 9am - Noon Salem Quilters 9:30am Worship Ministry Team (WMT) 3pm Finance Team 4pm Executive Mang. Team (EMT)	13 9am Bone Builders 6pm AI-Anon	14
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29 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 4pm - 6pm Confirmation & Youth Group	30	31 8:30am - 1pm AARP Tax Help 9am Bone Builders 9am Property Team 9:30am Text Study 4pm Faith Formation				