



# The Salem Light

Newsletter of the Congregation of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## From the Pastor's Desk –

Greetings Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

March 1, Ash Wednesday, brings us into the season of Lent. The word Lent actually means “spring”, although I do wonder about that in the Southern Hemisphere. Here in Maryland, even though March can bring interesting snow storms, we are on our way to warmer weather.

Lent brings us into that time of preparation for Easter, the time when we too pass from death to sin into life with our Lord Jesus Christ. In the earliest days of the church, those who had been preparing to enter into baptism would turn from facing west to facing east, the direction of the Easter sunrise, Christ's resurrection.

It was a turning from a former unimportant and frivolous lifestyle to one dedicated to serving Christ.—a “metanoia” or repentance. It is not just feeling sorry for having done something wrong but a complete turning of one's life around to face Christ.

Lent is not just giving up something like candy or coffee—but it is turning toward and affirming the joy of serving our Lord and following his example. Disciplines of fasting, study and special times of prayer and repentance all help us to turn our minds to Christ. But they are only a part—a step—toward turning ourselves totally toward Christ. We humans are forgetful and so easily distracted. We need the constant reminders of disciplines.

Lent is a time set aside to aid us. Let us rejoice in this opportunity to really focus on our Lord and all that he did and continues to do for us. Thanks be to God.

Blessings, Pastor Jeanne



## Sunday Worship Assistants - March - April, 2017

### March 1, 2017 - Ash Wednesday

Ushers: Dennis Lukens, Sharon Lukens  
Acolyte: Tim Lukens  
Tellers: TBD

### March 5, 2017

Ushers: Ned Cockey, Larry Dreyer  
Acolyte: Kylee Niederberger  
Lector: Mark Hoefler  
Communion Assistants: Ned Cockey, Karen DeMey  
Tellers: Stearns, McAllister

### March 12, 2017

Ushers: Richard Newsome, Timothy Lukens  
Acolytes: Thomas Maddox  
Lector: Jennifer Maddox  
Communion Assistants: Betty Adams, Ruth Phoebus  
Tellers: DeMey, Regan

### March 19, 2017

Ushers: Scott McAllister, Mike Whitacre  
Acolytes: Tessa Grove  
Lector: Carol Temple  
Communion Assistants: Sandra Bail, Doris Karoll  
Tellers: McAllister, Lukens

### March 26, 2017

Ushers: Dennis Lukens, Sharon Lukens  
Acolytes: Timothy Lukens  
Lector: Sandra Bail  
Tellers: Dreyer, Newsome

### April 2, 2017

Ushers: Ned Cockey, Larry Dreyer  
Acolytes: Ellie Maddox  
Lector: Betty Adams  
Communion Assistants: Sharon Lukens, Jean Weimer  
Tellers: Stearns, Bortmes

### April 9, 2017

Ushers: Richard Newsome, Timothy Lukens  
Acolytes: Madaline DeMey, Thomas Maddox  
Lector: Karen DeMey  
Communion Assistants: Mark Hoefler, Carol Temple  
Tellers: DeMey, Regan

### April 13, 2017 - Maundy Thursday

Ushers: Scott McAllister, Mike Whitacre  
Acolyte: Tessa Grove  
Lector: Mike Whitacre  
Communion Assistants: Ned Cockey, Karen DeMey  
Tellers: TBD

### April 14, 2017 – Good Friday

Ushers: Dennis Lukens, Sharon Lukens  
Acolyte: Timothy Lukens  
Lector: Ruth Phoebus  
Tellers: TBD

### April 15, 2017 – Easter Vigil

Ushers: Ushers: Ned Cockey, Larry Dreyer  
Acolyte: Kylee Niederberger  
Lector: Mark Hoefler  
Communion Assistants: Betty Adams, Ruth Phoebus  
Tellers: TBD

### April 16, 2017 – Easter Sunday

Ushers: Richard Newsome, Timothy Lukens  
Acolytes: Ellie Maddox, Thomas Maddox  
Lector: Jennifer Maddox  
Communion Assistants: Sandra Bail, Doris Karoll  
Tellers: McAllister, Lukens

### April 23, 2017

Ushers: Scott McAllister, Mike Whitacre  
Acolytes: Madaline DeMey  
Lector: Carol Temple  
Communion Assistants: Sharon Lukens, Jean Weimer  
Tellers: Dreyer, Newsome

### April 30, 2017 - Healing

Ushers: Dennis Lukens, Sharon Lukens  
Acolytes: Timothy Lukens  
Lector: Sandra Bail  
Tellers: Stearns, Bortmes

## Worship and Event Schedule

### Wednesday, March 1– Ash Wednesday

- 7:00 PM Community Ash Wednesday Worship at Salem, with imposition of Ashes and Communion
- (soup and bread before service at 6:00 PM)

Thursday, March 2

- 9:00 AM stitchers
- 7:00 PM Choir

### Sunday, March 5, *First Sunday in Lent*

- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship with Communion
- 9:20 AM Sunday School

Monday, March 6

- 10:00 AM NO Bible Class

Thursday, March 9

- 9:00 AM stitchers
- 7:00 PM Choir

### Sunday, March 12, *Second Sunday in Lent*

- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship with Communion
- 9:20 AM Sunday School

Monday, March 13

- 10:00 AM Bible Class

Thursday, March 16

- 9:00 AM stitchers
- 7:00 PM Choir

### Sunday, March 19 *Third Sunday in Lent*

- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship with Communion
- 9:20 AM Sunday School

Monday, March 20

- 10:00 AM Bible Class

Thursday, March 23

- 9:00 AM stitchers
- 7:00 PM Choir

### Sunday, March 26 *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship Service with Communion
- 9:20 AM Sunday School

Monday, March 27

- 10:00 AM Bible Class

Thursday, March 30

- 9:00 AM stitchers
- 7:00 PM Choir

### Sunday, April 2 *fifth Sunday in Lent*

- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship with Communion
- 9:20 AM Sunday School

Monday, April 3

- 10:00 AM Bible Class

Thursday, April 6

- 9:00 AM stitchers
- 7:00 PM Choir

### Sunday, April 9 *Palm Sunday*

- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship Service with Communion
- 9:20 AM Sunday School

Monday, April 10

- 10:00 AM Bible Class

### Thursday, April 13

- 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday

### Friday, April 14

- 7:00 PM Good Friday, Tenebrae

### Saturday, April 15

- 7:00 PM Easter Vigil

### Sunday, April 16 **Easter Sunday** Christ is Risen!

- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship Service with Communion
- 9:20 AM Sunday School

Monday, April 17

- 10:00 AM Bible Class

Thursday, April 18

- 9:00 AM stitchers
- 7:00 PM Choir

### Sunday April 23

- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship Service with Communion
- 9:20 AM Sunday School

Monday, April 24

- 10:00 AM Bible Class

Thursday, April 25

- 9:00 AM stitchers
- 7:00 PM Choir

### Sunday, April 30

- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship Service , Healing
- 9:20 AM Sunday School

## 2017 Lenten Worship Opportunities (in addition to Sundays 9:00 AM)

**March 1**, Community **Ash Wednesday Worship at Salem**, with Imposition of Ashes and Communion,  
Pr. Melissa McDade (Norrisville and St. Paul) preaching  
6:00 PM—Soup and Bread  
7: 00 PM—Worship  
Wednesday Community Lenten Worship - “Holy Waters”  
**Bethel Presbyterian**, Norrisville Road  
6:00 PM Soup and Bread  
6:45 PM Informal Worship

**March 8**—Carol Deel—Centre  
**March 15**—Ernest Gayle preaching  
New Beginnings  
**March 22**—Dick Kiesling preaching  
Salem  
**March 29**—Nick Bufano preaching  
Jarrettsville and Ayres Chapel  
**April 5**—Mark Gorman preaching  
Centre

**Holy Week Worship Services at Salem**  
Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil, 7 PM  
(Also, Fish Fry, Good Friday at 6 PM)

## March-April Events to come - 2017

Please mark your calendars for the following events:

- March 5, Lynn Larsen –El Salvador Presentation



- March 6-10 Book Fair at Salem
- The annual **Welcome One Homeless Shelter** Basket Bingo fundraiser is on Friday, April 21, 2017. If you are able to support this worthy cause, please be sure to purchase your tickets from Cathy Hoefler by Sunday, March 5, 2017. Cost is \$17 per ticket. Checks payable to "FCCAU Basket Bingo" are welcome. Thank you!
- Annual Ladies’ Tea: “Mary Poppins” Sunday, May 7, 2017 at noon.





### Outreach for 2017

On January 29, we shared a Mystery Dish Brunch. Participants prepared 23 new and interesting recipes, including appetizers, snacks, breads, soups, main dishes and desserts to include in our cookbook! Proceeds from the dinner and cookbook sales to benefited [Welcome One Homeless Shelter](#) (\$400 and counting)!



### Mason-Dixon Community Services

We're well on our way to exceed our \$1,179.17 in giving in 2016! We donated 240 items of soup and other goodies to Mason/Dixon for their work with the needy from our February 1 "Souper" Bowl Sunday.



### Casseroles for Daily Bread

In 2016, we donated 20-24 casseroles each month, totaling more than 200 casseroles for the year! We are off to a good start, donating 19 casseroles in January. Thank you to all who participate in this wonderful cause.

## Shelter for Homeless at Harford County Churches

“Helping Harford Country’s Homeless” has set up a network of area churches as shelters during this winter. Fourteen churches are hosting the homeless overnight. Each church will house a maximum number of people of 15-20 from 5 PM to 8 AM. All are adults screened in advance and are transported to the shelter. Many hold jobs during the day and are dependent upon that transportation and thankful for the food and shelter. Each church will have a paid security guard and two volunteers who will spend the night.

William Watters Methodist is hosting January 30 – February 5. Center Methodist is hosting February 20 – 26th

Norrisville Methodist Church will host the shelter during the week of March 6<sup>th</sup>- 12.

Ebenezer Methodist in Fallston will host at a date to be announced.

St. Paul Lutheran in Aberdeen will host the week of February 27th and

Lord of Life Lutheran in Edgewood the week of February 6th. Volunteers from neighboring churches are asked to help with meals—(dinner, breakfast and bag lunches), setting up and taking down cots, etc. and simply visiting with the people. There is also a need for two people to spend the night. Salem does not have space to house people because of our Children Center, but we can help our neighboring churches.

Other church help for needy people includes food banks at Ayers Chapel in Norrisville and at Lord of Life Lutheran in Edgewood. New Hope Methodist in Edgewood collects and provides people with socks, hats, gloves, and jeans (sizes 30-34, some 36). Donations are always welcome.

More information about other participating churches and opportunities to serve will be coming! Please let Pastor Jeanne know if you can help!!

### **WHERE YOUR OFFERING GOES**

Your weekly offering at your congregation supports the mission of the whole ELCA doing God’s work in the world.

Your congregation shares a portion of your offering – called Mission Support – with the other two expressions of this church. Mission Support is the lifeblood of the work God does through the ELCA.

In your congregation you support:

- Ministry within your congregation
- Local Outreach in your community

Your Synod supports congregations and rostered leaders as they work in their communities and throughout the world.

Your Church wide Ministries responds to local and world ministry opportunities, helping feed those who are hungry, train future leaders and advocate for justice on behalf of your neighbors around the world. Some Mission Support funds may return to your congregation in the form of grants, services, programs and resources .

### **TOGETHER WE FUND THE FOLLOWING MINISTRIES:**

- 70 new congregations, 50% in multicultural, ethnic communities or among people living in poverty
- More than \$2.6 million in grants awarded to 164 existing congregations focused on renewal
- 240 missionaries serving in 40 countries, including 57 young adult volunteers
- 26 ELCA colleges and universities and 8 ELCA seminaries
- Over 180 campus ministries, with cooperating congregations in campus ministries at an additional 400 campuses nationwide
- Advocacy work with United Nations and the federal government
- Partnerships with the Lutheran World Federation, World Council of Churches, and the National Council of Churches in Christ
- THANK YOU! Together we do God’s work in ways that no individual, congregation, or synod can do alone.



# SLCC Corner



The Salem Lutheran Children Center is a great place to be. The Mommy and Me program is full of fun. The children are learning shapes and colors. Each week they bring in objects from home, that are either the color or shape of the week. The preschool classes have spring field trips planned. They will be attending Eden Mill and Oregon Ridge.

Some other important dates to remember are the penny carnival planned for Friday, April 28,<sup>th</sup> and preschool graduation on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Registration for the 2017-2018 preschool program started in January and many of our classes are full or filling up. If you know someone who would like to attend our preschool program, please have them call us at 410-557-6612.

In addition, we are accepting names for the waiting list for the 2017-2018 before and after school program. Summer will be here before we know it, and a wonderful summer program is planned for the children attending Salem. Please call the office to be added to our summer program waiting list. We will begin summer registration for current families beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Elizabeth Smithson, Director

Salem Lutheran Children Center

410-557-6612



SLCC Playground and New Fencing



## Worship Notes from Pastor Dick:

### THE OFFERING

By this point in our worship service we have heard the good news of God's love for us. As St. John writes "we love God because he first loved us." Our salvation, peace, and future hope are all confirmed in this fantastic message of God's passionate love for the human family.

Now we have reached a point where we respond to the good news of God's love. Faith is never just a one way street where we receive and receive and receive from God forgiveness, grace, mercy, love, and joy. If we have these things [and we do, for God gives them to us!] then we respond to what God has done by the offering of "ourselves, our time, and our possessions. " It is these gifts which now involve us in the mission of Christ's church to support the mission to tell and work in our community and in the world.

So the **Offering** becomes an important part of our declaring our willingness, as we have been blessed by God, to both witness and support the Good News of God's love. As our gifts so God are gathered, we also offer up a special gifts for the celebration of the Holy Supper of Christ: the bread and wine used as we celebrate this holy supper of our Lord. These are brought forward along with the monetary offering.

The next time you participate in the offering, recall what it means: a public witness of your involvement in the life and witness of the people of God. And, as an offering to open the way for the gathered people of God to celebrate the special supper of faith.

When 2<sup>nd</sup> English Lutheran Church of Baltimore, Md. closed after a ministry of 176 years, the people of God there wanted to continue the legacy of their congregation by sharing specific items with congregations in the Delaware/Maryland Synod. Salem received from 2<sup>nd</sup> English Lutheran Church the following to help in our ministry of worship:

A Paschal Candle – used during the time of celebrating a baptism, during the 40 days of Easter, and throughout the year as desired. This candlestick can be seen in Salem Church to the left of the pulpit.

Also gifted to Salem were copies of a blue hymnal "With One Voice". This hymnal contains worship services and hymns which are not found in our new hymnal. Look forward to a Sunday when you will enter church and be given one of these hymnal s and use it for the purpose for which is was printed: to help us praise God and witness to God's love for us.

Third, the choir was gifted with the choir robes used at 2<sup>nd</sup> English Church. When you see the choir dressed in blue you can admire the "new" look. Finally, given to Salem were some baptismal certificates and baptismal candles for use when the sacrament of Baptism is celebrated.





### I LOVE YOU SUNDAY

Once again we celebrated Valentine's Day on "I love you Sunday." The young people "we love" participated in the family worship service, and we all enjoyed an after church brunch.

