



The Salem Light

Newsletter of the Congregation of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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PASTOR'S DESK

Pastor Laird has been kept very busy caring for the needs of our Salem family. His worship leadership on Sundays has been inspiring and enlightening. He is truly a teacher, providing bible study to our adults, and children. His ideas and participation have been a welcome addition to our church council and school meetings. We appreciate Pastor Laird's continued friendship and leadership, and look forward to sharing the Easter season with him.



During the Lenten season, we are reminded of the time after Epiphany, marking the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child. It is the basis of our faith—the divinity of our Lord with his baptism, his first miracle with the turning of water to wine at the wedding of Cana, his Sermon on the Mount and ending with Transfiguration. It is a time when our Lord is coming to us and making all things new.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ on Easter changed the lives of his followers and will change the lives of all Christians forever. Easter brings hope and love, and assures us that Christ is alive and with us. Easter offers forgiveness and life eternal with him.

Our Lord Jesus sent his disciples, telling them not to be afraid, but to go and tell others the Good News. Two of them, Philip and James whose feast day we mark on May 1, did go—Philip to Asia Minor (modern day Turkey) and James to Judea, and were martyred for their faith. He tells us also "Do not be afraid; I am with you. We probably will not have to face martyrdom as Philip and James did, but we do need to go forth and share our Lord's love with others.

As our sending for Easter says, "We are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Let us go forth and share the Good News."



Sunday Worship Assistants

March – April, 2018

Sunday, March 4, 2018	3rd Sunday in Lent
Ushers: Scott McAllister - Mike Whitacre	
Acolyte: Thomas Maddox	
Lector: Mark Hoeller	
Communion Assistants: Mark Hoeller, Carol Temple	
Tellers: Stearns, Bortmes	
Sunday, March 11, 2018	4th Sunday in Lent
Ushers: Dennis Lukens - Richard Newsome	
Acolyte: Tessa Grove	
Lector: Jennifer Maddox	
Tellers: Wilson, Regan	
Sunday, March 18, 2018	5th Sunday in Lent
Ushers: Ned Cockey - Larry Dreyer	
Acolyte: Skylar Dishon	
Lector: Carol Temple	
Communion Assistants: Ned Cockey, Sandra Bail	
Tellers: McAllister, Lukens	
Sunday, March 25, 2018	Palm Sunday
Ushers: Scott McAllister - Mike Whitacre	
Acolyte: Ellie Maddox	
Lector: David Petr	
Tellers: Dreyer, Newsome	
Thursday, March 29, 2018	Maundy Thursday
Ushers: Dennis Lukens - Richard Newsome	
Acolyte: Skylar Dishon	
Lector: Sandra Bail	
Communion Assistants: Doris Karoll, Jean Welmer	
Tellers: TBD	
Friday, March 30, 2018	Good Friday
Ushers: Ned Cockey - Larry Dreyer	
Acolyte: Tessa Grove	
Lector: Mike Whitacre	
Tellers: TBD	
Sunday, April 1, 2018	Easter Sunday
Ushers: Scott McAllister - Mike Whitacre	
Acolyte: Thomas Maddox, Ellie Maddox	
Lector: Ruth Phoebus	
Communion Assistants: Mark Hoeller, Carol Temple	
Tellers: Stearns, Bortmes	
Sunday, April 8, 2018	2nd Sunday of Easter
Ushers: Dennis Lukens - Richard Newsome	
Acolyte: Thomas Maddox	
Lector: Jennifer Maddox	
Tellers: Wilson, Regan	
Sunday, April 15, 2018	3rd Sunday of Easter
Ushers: Ned Cockey - Larry Dreyer	
Acolyte: Tessa Grove	
Lector: Carol Temple	
Communion Assistants: Ned Cockey, Sandra Bail	
Tellers: McAllister, Lukens	
Sunday, April 22, 2018	4th Sunday of Easter
Ushers: Scott McAllister - Mike Whitacre	
Acolyte: Skylar Dishon	
Lector: David Petr	
Tellers: Dreyer, Newsome	
Sunday, April 29, 2018	Healing Service
Ushers: Dennis Lukens - Richard Newsome	
Acolyte: Ellie Maddox	
Lector: Sandra Bail	
Tellers: Stearns, Bortmes	

Worship and Event Schedule

March - April 2018

Sunday, March 4

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

Monday, March 5

- 10:00 AM Bible Class

Thursday, March 8

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

Sunday, March 11

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

Monday, March 12

- 10:00 AM Bible Class

Tuesday, March 13

- 7:00 PM Council Meeting

Thursday, March 15

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

Sunday, March 18

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

Monday, March 19

- 10:00 AM Bible Class

Thursday, March 22

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

Sunday, March 25 Palm Sunday

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

Monday, March 26

- 10:00 AM Bible Class

Thursday, March 29

Maundy Thursday

- 7:00 PM Traditional Worship Service with Communion

Friday, March 30

Good Friday

- 6:00 PM – Fish Fry
- 7:00PM Tenebrae Service

Sunday, April 1

Easter Sunday

- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- No Sunday School – Extended Coffee Hour

Monday, April 2

- 10:00 AM Bible Class

Thursday, April 5

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

Sunday, April 8

2nd Sunday of Easter

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

Monday, April 9

- 10:00AM Bible Class

Thursday, April 12

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

Sunday, April 15

3rd Sunday of Easter

- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship Service with communion

Monday, April 16

- 10:00AM Bible Class

Thursday, April 19

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

Sunday, April 22

4th Sunday of Easter

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

Sunday, April 29

Healing

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

Looking Ahead to Holy Week



March 25th – Palm Sunday – 9:00AM Service, with Communion. Children of Salem will present Palms. See Mike Whitaker to reserve an Easter Lily to decorate our altar!

March 29th – Maundy Thursday – 7:00PM Service with Communion

March 30th – Good Friday – 7:00PM Tenebrae Service 6:00PM, Fish Fry*

April 1st – Easter Sunday – 9:00 AM, no Sunday School, Extended Coffee Hour*

*Watch for Sign-up Sheets in the Narthex

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS 2018

April 6th - Welcome One Homeless Shelter Bingo

Doors open 6:00 PM. Bingo starts 7:00PM
Tickets \$18 in Advance, \$20.00 at the door
Special drawing for donations of paper goods.

Salem members, family and friends, are asked to support the Basket Bingo fundraiser to benefit FCCAU and the Welcome One Homeless Shelter.

It is always a sell-out, and an evening of fun and fellowship! Again this year, our own Lynn Cox will fill and decorate a "Longaberger" basket!

May 6th – 12:00 Noon - Our Annual "Ladies" Tea

- This year's theme is Peter Pan
- Tickets – Adults \$12.00, Children \$6:00



Come fly with us to Neverland for a Peter Pan tea

Will the tic tock of the alligator be there? Or the tingaling of tinkler bell?

Captain Hook, Peter Pan?...Maybe the crew at pirates cove will cook us up Some grub. A fun time for young and old. So come fly with us to the second star to the right, And straight on to Salem church. See U There!



SALEM ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

Have you marked your calendars yet for the upcoming Salem 50th Anniversary Celebration scheduled for November 10 -11, 2018? The Celebration Committee has been busy researching Salem's history and plans to have a dynamic presentation of their findings and a celebration, special worship service, and brunch that weekend!

Please be sure to take a look at the Salem history display located in the front left corner of the sanctuary! Thanks to Lynn for her beautiful artistry! The display will change periodically, so be sure to check out the display often!



WE NEED YOUR HELP!!! The 50th Celebration Committee is **in need of contact information for former Salem members NOW** who may be interested in attending our celebration. **"Save the Date" postcards will be mailed out in April to folks outside the congregation,** so that they can also mark their calendars well in advance of the event. The word is getting out, and we have already heard of some past members who are spreading the word!

While you are thinking CELEBRATION, please go through your own pictures and keepsakes and dig out your pieces of Salem history! Yes, **we are looking for COPIES of YOUR FAMILY EVENT PICTURES at Salem** - like marriage, baptism, and confirmation pics - **AND also your other pictures of events such as brunches, teas, craft fairs, flea market, special services, Children Center events, meetings, children activities, Sunday School, youth group events, choir, Basket Bingo gatherings, etc!!!!** The sky is the limit! **If it happened at Salem, WE WANT IT!!!** Our power point history will only be as good as the pictures we are able to secure!

So please **place your addresses and COPIES of pictures in the gold boxes** in the narthex. Thank you!

Recently a group of us went to visit with Phil & Ginny Kulinsky at their home in York, Pa. They are doing well and their home is very nice. They treated us to lunch while we were there. Phil goes whizzing around in his motorized wheelchair. Ginny has to run to keep up with him. They both said to say "Hi" and that they miss us. It's amazing how well Phil is doing. It was great to see them.



OUTREACH AT SALEM

Our benevolence to the Delaware-Maryland Synod remains at 12.5% of our regular offerings. Of this amount, our synod passes on half to the national ELCA. These contributions are used to support struggling congregations, pastoral leaders and mission programs in our community, seminaries, campus ministries and so much more. Thanks to all at Salem for this effort.

Mason- Dixon Community Services

Salem members have responded to the needs of the Mason-Dixon Community services clients in a big way. In January we donated 216 Items. Please continue to bring in items and place them in the box in the narthex. Items will be delivered to Mason-Dixon every two weeks.

Casseroles for Daily Bread

Please continue to bring casseroles, each of which serves 8 needy people. In January we donated 22 casseroles. Thanks to all who give to this wonderful cause. Keep up the good work!

Please feel free to make a casserole any time convenient for you during the month and put in our freezer in the Teller room.

Call Committee Update

Our Call Committee interviewed two new candidates in February.

Welcome One

Every year Salem does a Lenten Fund-raiser. This year the council chose a local outreach for Welcome One, "Adopt a bed." For \$31.00 a night, the emergency shelter can give laundry and shower facilities, 3 meals daily, clean clothing and case management services to assist individuals in setting and achieving goals for community housing. Please support this effort to "give shelter."



SLCC Corner



Spring is on the way at SLCC and many exciting things are happening. Preschool field trips are planned for locations including Eden Mill and Oregon Ridge. The Penny Carnival is another favorite this time of year and will take place on Friday, April 20th. Graduation is right around the corner on Wednesday, May 23rd.

The summer program is going to be spectacular. Many excellent visitors and field trips have been scheduled. We begin summer registration for our current families beginning March 1st. Please call the office to be added to our summer program waiting list.

Many of our classes for the 2018-2019 preschool program are full or filling up. The same great staff will be returning and are often asked for by name. If you 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 before and after school program.
noahsrainbow@verizon.net, or call us at 410-557-6612.

Laura Mason, Director

WE CELEBRATED "I LOVE YOU" SUNDAY



WITH HEARTS TELLING WHY WE LOVE SALEM!



Let the
Word of God
transform
you.



WORSHIP NOTES FROM PASTOR DICK

OBSERVING LENT

The word "lent" means "springtime." In February, with the prospect of more snow/sleet/cold weather, just thinking of the coming of Spring lifts up our spirits.

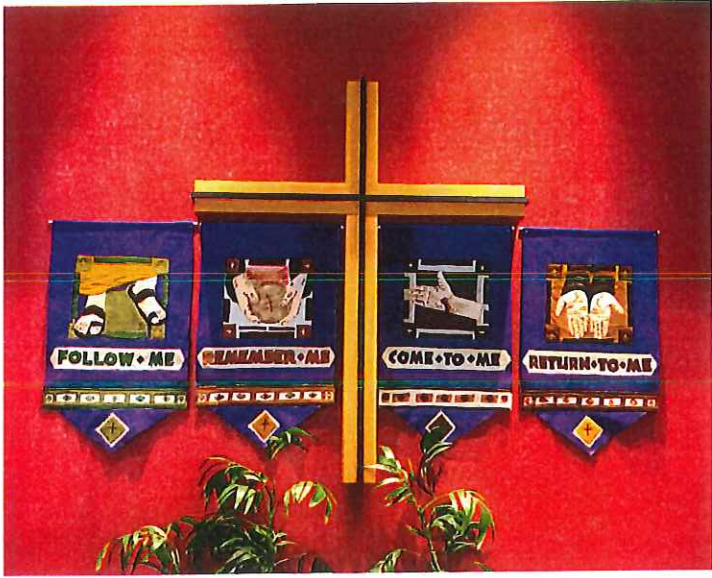
That is true of the time of Lent also. The coming celebration of Easter fills us with the hope and joy in what God is doing for us through the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This time of Lent is divided into two parts: our preparation for the coming of Easter by the renewing of our faith, hope, and trust in God; and for that last Holy Week of Lent, the Passion of Our Lord. Indeed this is a sober time but one full of renewal as we seek to live up more and more to the baptismal promises made on our behalf – to fully trust and find our joy in God.

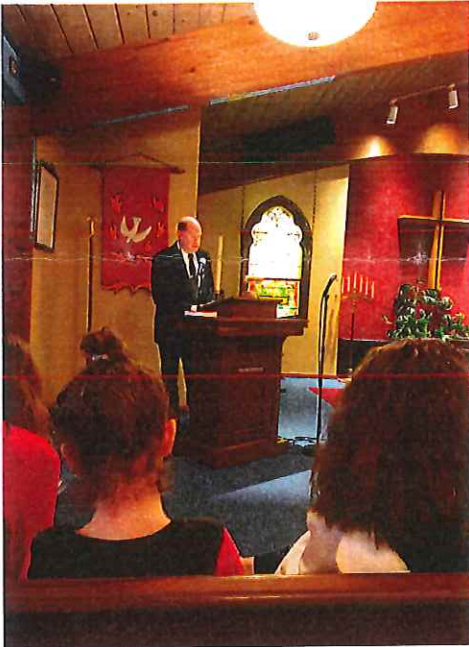
Hymn 382 is one familiar to me that centers on the love, power, joy and grace of God. I would like to suggest that before worship on Sunday mornings during Lent you read a verse from this hymn to help focus your mind and heart on God and all the wondrous things that our Creator has done for us.

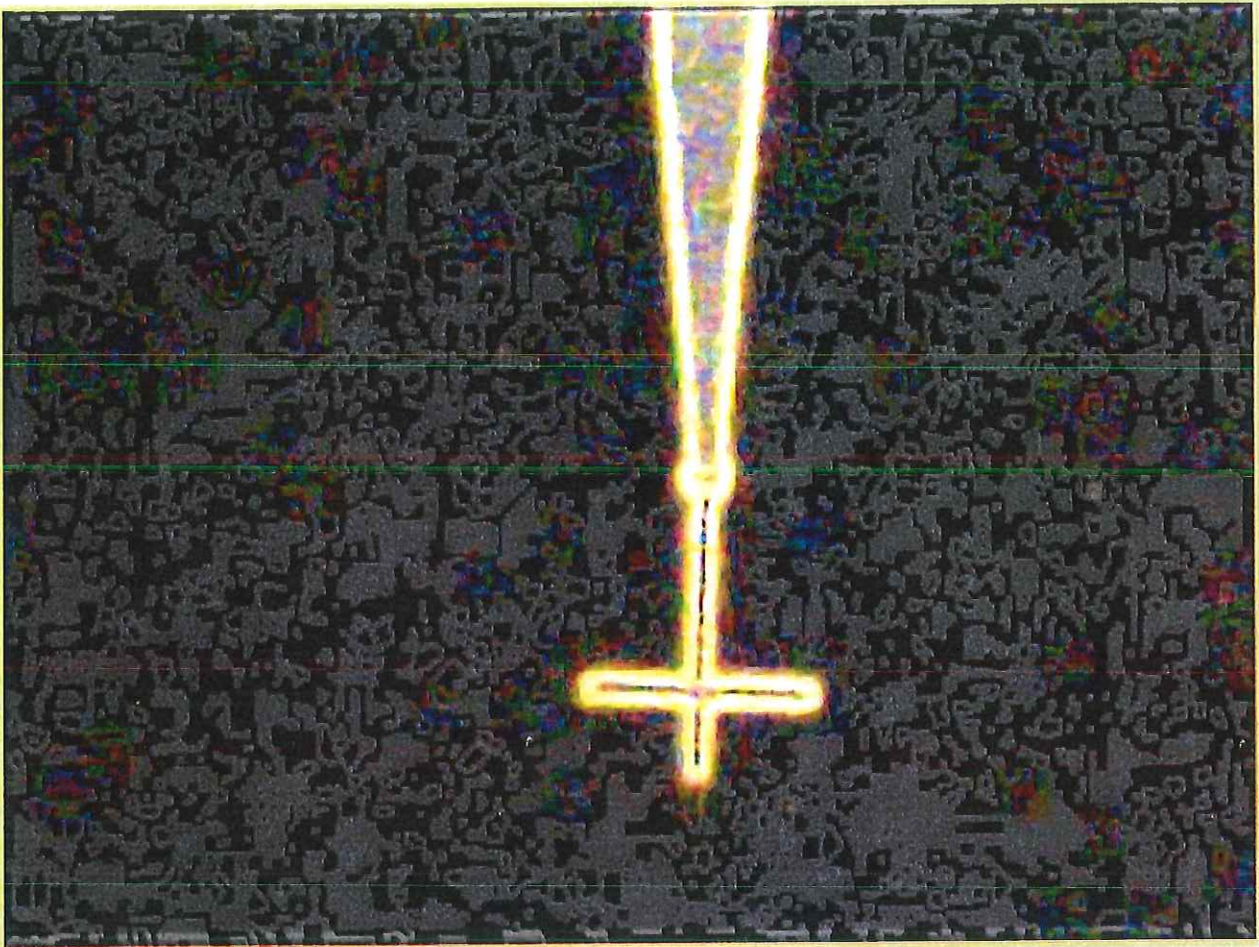
May God fill your hearts with joy as you celebrate Lent!

Pastor Dick



WE WAIT FOR THE TOMB TO BE EMPTY!





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