



The Salem Light

Newsletter of the Congregation of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Pastor's Ponderings:

March and **April** are “comin’ round the corner.” That is, I really hope this means we are turning the weather corner. In lieu of the reoccurring color of white I, for one, am looking for some green and not just St. Patrick’s Day. On February 2nd **Punxsutawney Phil** predicted an Early Spring! What we’ve experienced has been teaser winter storms that remind us we are not there yet.

On **March 3rd** the church season transitions from Christmas/Epiphany to Lent in preparation for Easter. This Sunday is worshiped as the Transformation of Our Lord. We have been given revealing glimpses of God through the eyes and experiences of Jesus. In the lenten darkness a light continues to shine and with each day of the sun drawing closer to the Earth the light becomes brighter and warms our souls. BUT, we must enter into Lent. We do so with minds that set aside time for prayer, mindfully reflect on our lives and actions, past and present, and with repentant hearts we long for the blessed promise of forgiveness and life found only through Jesus and the Cross. These are times we find difficult and would rather just skip over Lent altogether. However, to skip over this time of lent and the practices of prayer, reflection and repentance could we receive and be filled with the joy and awe pouring from Jesus and a cross? Could we embrace the holiness, the life-giving mercy and gracious love of Jesus we are offered and invited to live in today through our Lord’s life, death and resurrection? Would Easter Sunday be any different than any other Sunday...any other day? May the Lord’s Spirit stir within and draw us into these weeks ahead. May we feel, share, in the Lord’s presence together.

Lent begins **March 6** with the Community **Ash Wednesday** Soup Supper at **6:00pm** and Worship with the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion at **7:00pm**. This year Salem Lutheran is the host for the community.

Sunday March 10th 1:30 – 4:00PM – Harford County Rotation Shelter – 2811 Church Lane, White Hall - Serving Meal for the Homeless – Salem is invited to join in serving the meals.

Community Mid-Week, Soup Supper and Worship begins **March 13** and will meet each Wednesday during Lent at Bethel Presbyterian Church. Supper begins at 6:00pm and the service follows at 7:30pm.

For three weeks in Lent children in 1st grade and older are meeting for First Communion instruction. The children will receive their First Communion along with their families on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

Palm Sunday, April 14, worship begins with the entry of joyous singing and the waving of palms and then leads the church into the passion of Holy week.

On **Maundy Thursday** and **Good Friday** of Holy Week, **April 18 – April 19**, Salem invites the community to participate in, “*The Lenten Sketches*” by *Joseph M. Martin*. **Both services will be at 7:00 PM**. This two-part Cantata will be lead by organist and Choir Director Dot Langan and musician Mary Carol Wills. The presentation will include music, artwork, dramatic movement and words. **Maundy Thursday** will offer Holy Communion and an invitation to return on **Good Friday** at 6:00PM for the **Fish Fry Dinner** and the conclusion of the cantata.

April 21 we celebrate **The Risen Lord ~ Easter Sunday**. Please join us for worship and praise followed by an extended Coffee Hour. Parents please note there is no Sunday School on this day.

These are the days the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in the amazing love and presence of Jesus.

Blessed in all God’s Work, Pastor Betty Lou

Sunday Worship Assistants March-April 2019

Sunday, March 3rd Last Sunday after Epiphany

Ushers: Scott McAllister - Mike Whitacre

Acolyte: Tessa Grove

Lector: Diane Grove

Communion Assistants: Ned Cockey, Mark Hoefler

Tellers: Stearns, Whitacre

Wednesday, March 6th Ash Wednesday

Ushers: Ned Cockey – Brian Nottingham

Acolyte: Timothy Lukens

Lector: Glenn Deuchler

Communion Assistants: Doris Karoll, Ruth Phoebus

Sunday March 10th 1st Sunday in Lent

Ushers: Sharon Lukens - Dennis Lukens

Acolyte: Skylar Dishon

Lector: Mike Whitacre

Tellers: Wilson, Regan

Sunday March 17th 2nd Sunday in Lent

Ushers: Glenn Deuchler – Frank Altenburg

Acolyte: Judy Newsome

Lector: Richard Kiesling

Communion Assistants: Ruth Phoebus, Ned Cockey

Tellers: McAllister, Lukens

Sunday, March 24th 3rd Sunday in Lent

Ushers: Scott McAllister - Mike Whitacre

Acolyte: Sharon Lukens

Lector: Ruth Phoebus

Tellers: Saffron, Newsome

Sunday, March 31st Healing Service

Ushers: Ned Cockey – Brian Nottingham

Acolyte: Skylar Dishon

Lector: Mark Hoefler

Tellers: Stearns, Bortmes

Sunday, April 7th 5th Sunday in Lent

Ushers: Sharon Lukens - Dennis Lukens

Acolyte: Tessa Grove

Lector: Brian Nottingham

Communion Assistants: Mark Hoefler, Doris Karoll

Tellers: Stearns, Bortmes

Sunday, April 14th Palm Sunday

Ushers: Glenn Deuchler – Frank Altenburg

Acolyte: Judy Newsome

Lector: Diane Grove

Communion Assistants: Sharon Lukens, Ruth Phoebus

Tellers: Phoebus, Lukens

Thursday, April 18th Maundy Thursday

Ushers: Scott McAllister, Mike Whitacre

Acolyte: Dennis Lukens

Lector: Glenn Deuchler

Communion Assistants: Sharon Lukens, Mark Hoefler

Friday, April 19th Good Friday

Ushers: Ned Cockey – Brian Nottingham

Acolyte: Tessa Grove

Lector: Richard Kiesling

Sunday, April 21st EASTER SUNDAY

Ushers: Mike Whitacre, Dennis Lukens

Acolyte: Judy Newsome

Lector: Mike Whitacre

Communion Assistants: Sharon Lukens, Ned Cockey

Tellers: McAllister, Lukens

Sunday, April 28th 2nd Sunday of EASTER

Ushers: Glenn Deuchler – Frank Altenburg

Acolyte: Sharon Lukens

Lector: Ruth Phoebus

Tellers: Saffron, Newsome

Worship and Special Events March-April 2019

Sunday, March 3rd Last Sunday after Epiphany

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

Monday, March 4th

- 10:00AM Bible Study

Wednesday, March 6th Ash Wednesday

- 6:00PM Soup and Bread Supper hosted by Salem
- 7:00PM Imposition of Ashes, Holy Communion

Thursday, March 7th

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

Sunday March 10th 1st Sunday in Lent

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

Tuesday March 12th

- 7:00 Council Meeting

Thursday, March 14th

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

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

Monday, March 18th

- 10:00AM Bible Study

Thursday, March 21st

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

Sunday, March 24th 3rd Sunday in Lent

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

Monday, March 25th

- 10:00AM Bible Study

Thursday, March 28th

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

Sunday, March 31st Healing Service

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

Monday, April 1st

- 10:00AM Bible Study

Thursday, April 4th

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

Sunday, April 7th 5th Sunday in Lent

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

Tuesday April 9th

- 7:00PM Council meeting

Thursday April 11th

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

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HOLY WEEK SERVICE SCHEDULE

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You are cordially invited to attend the installation of Rev. Betty Lou Deuchler as Pastor of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church on **March 24th, 2019 at 3:00 PM**. Bishop Gohl will officiate.

Invitation Enclosed – Please RSVP by March 17th

Mark Your Calendars: Our Famous Salem Teaparty will be held in May – The theme is “My Fair Lady” so have your milliner make you a “Fascinators” hat. We’ll go to the races at Ascot, right from the Rainbow Room!



SALEM OUTREACH

LET’S SET OUR GOALS FOR 2019 NOW!

Mason- Dixon Community Services

In 2018 Salem members donated Thanksgiving baskets and filled Christmas wish lists for four families. Thanks to Linda Bannan for setting up the Wish List Display this year. During 2018 we donated 312 items, including school supplies, and toiletries. Please continue to support this outreach by bringing things to put in the baskets in the Narthex..

Souper Sunday

Thanks to Sam and Sara Keller delivered a whole trunk full of soup and snacks for this worthwhile cause.

Our Daily Bread

In January and February we made 38 casseroles for ur Daily Bread. Thanks to Tom and Mary Regan for deliveries, even while dodging sow storms. Please pick up recipes and pans in the Narthex, and try some of the delicious recipes we use at Salem for brunches at home!

Welcome One – FCCAU

Basket Bingo is coming up on April 26th so watch our church bulletin for details about price and location, and Cathy Hoefler for tickets. Last year 23 Salem members and friends attended. , and once again Lynn Cox will be filling a basket for Salem.

ELCA World Hunger– Our 2019 Lenten Drive

Our donation of \$10.00 will give a fruit tree seedling.

\$150 will donate an entire fruit tree nursery. These are gifts which keep on giving. Enter your name with your donation to win a prize!





Worship Notes from Pastor Dick:

Lent – a time for rejoicing

That’s correct; Lent is a time to rejoice. When the Sundays in Lent were known by Latin names, the fourth Sunday in Lent was called “Laetare” – REJOICE!

But isn’t Lent a time for discipline, confession, reproach? These things aren’t confined to the time of Lent, but are very much with all year long. We also are used to being told to “give up” something. But because Lent should be a time of REJOICING, let’s take the time to be joyful. Why? Because of the fantastic, incomprehensible love of God for all people is to motivate and inspire us to a life of faith and trust in God.

Imagine, every morning – not only during Lent but for the rest of your life – you can wake up and know that you are loved, respected, having dignity and worth – because God is faithful, abounding in steadfast love always. It doesn’t matter if you been good or bad, confessed your sin or not, performed a good deed that would help another person – it doesn’t depend on us, IT DEPENDS ON GOD.

So be freed to be yourself, with the talents and abilities that God has given you, and then respond in a love for God and all other people. So here are some challenges I’d like to set before you because you are loved;

- Pray for someone you don’t like
- Do something that will help others without them ever being aware what you are doing
- Participate in the meal for the homeless that we are doing here at Salem in any way that you can
- Reach out to our community, nation, world to help support, comfort, and show respect and concern for others.

It all starts with recalling God’s love. Spend some time each day of this Lenten season just sitting still and rejoicing in God’s awesome love. Ask that you be blessed to be a blessing for others.

SLCC Corner



Even though it is still cold outside, we have started planning our summer camp program at Salem Lutheran Children’s Center. We are planning field trips to Turkey Hill Ice Cream Experience & Taste Lab, Oregon Ridge, Jurassic Golf, and Forest Hill Lanes. We also have many visitors scheduled to come and teach our children, including Wildlife Adventures, Extreme Balloons, and Science Spectacular with Rocket Reba.

Preschool registration for the 2019-2020 school year is also underway at Salem. We currently have openings in the PM three-year-old class, the PM four-year-old class, and the Monday-Friday 9:00 am-12:00 pm four-year-old class. Church members do not need to pay the registration fee. If you are interested in registering for the preschool program or the summer program please contact us at 410-557-6612.

Cherie Johnson, Director noahsrainbow@verizon.net

Salem Church Council - Executive Committee :

Elders:

Lynn Cox, President
 Ned Cockey, Vice President
 Ruth Phoebus, Treasurer
 Diane Grove, Secretary
 Linda Bannan, SLCC Liaison

Committees:

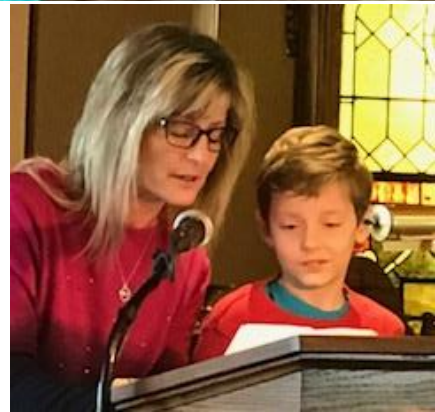
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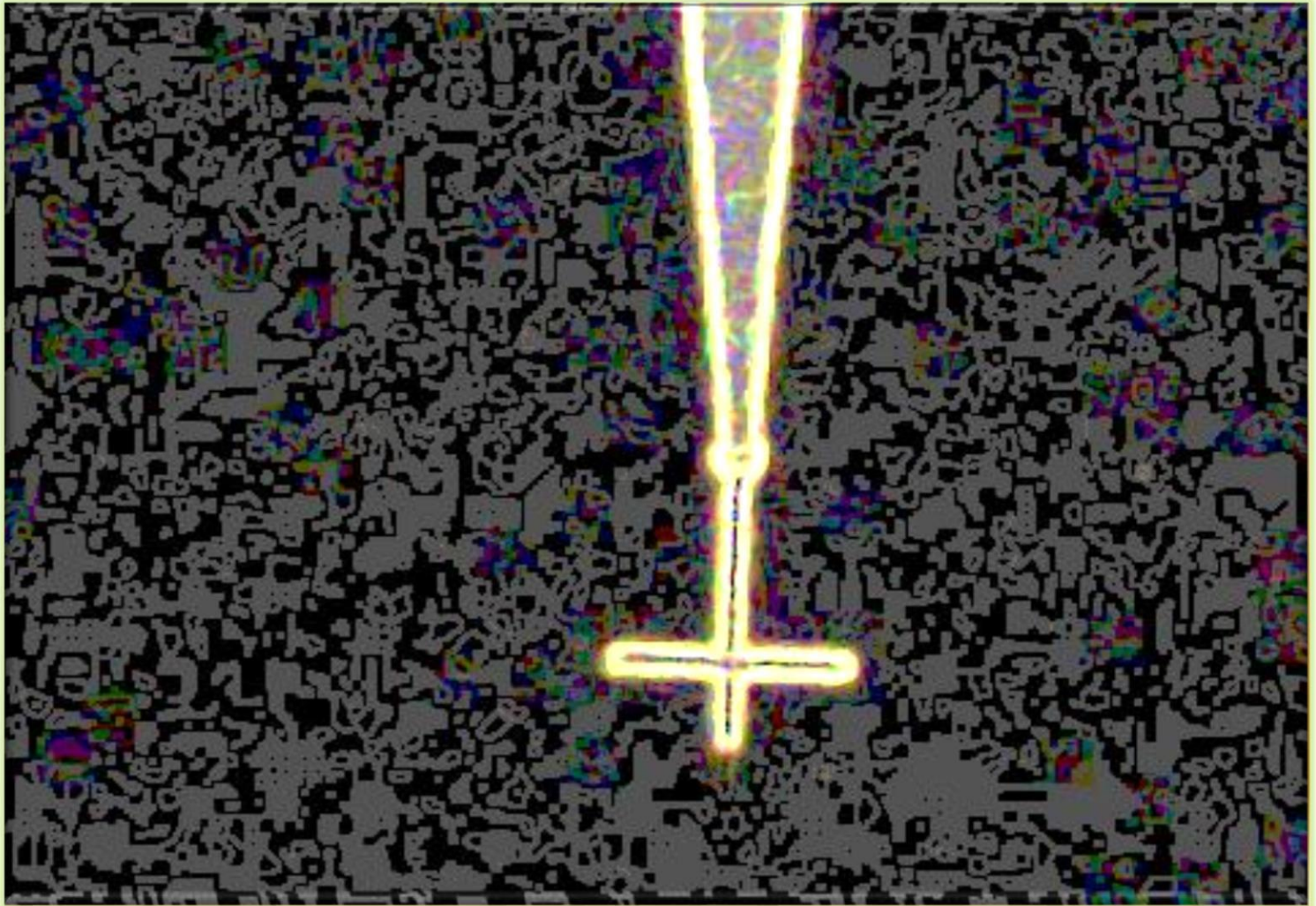
Deacons:

Darla Lynch
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