



The Salem Light

Newsletter of the Congregation of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Pastor's Ponderings:

May/June 2019

I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. Ephesians 1:16

What is in my heart is the feeling of joy...the joy of gratitude. What began as a Lenten Journey that cold first Wednesday in March has blossomed into a blessed Easter Day almost two months later. There are so many people to lift up and shout out to say, "Thank You!" And, attempting to list everyone comes with a challenge...will someone's name be left out? Please allow me to offer a heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone, that means YOU, who cooked and cleaned, decorated and sang, practiced and created, hugged and encouraged, loved and made possible all the events: Ash Wednesday, the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Cantata, the Fish Fry, my Installation, and all things week in and week out over the past many weeks. I also recognize your selfless giving will not end. This is who you are, blessed people who delight in sharing their faith and love of God with the community. Thank you!

There is, however, one special lady to mention by name, Dot Langan. It has been a privilege to share the music ministry with such a fine and exceptionally gifted musician and choir director. In her unique style Dot kept the choir on task, brought the best out of each member and did all things with a sense of humor and genuine appreciation of her little flock. I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to work with Dot and know from your stories how she has also touched your hearts. Thank you, Dot, for the many years of sharing your gifts with Salem and to the glory of God!

The choir's last anthem with Dot was titled, *A Simple Alleluia*. So often it is the simple *Alleluias* in life that make all the difference in how we experience the Lord's presence, and how faith finds a way to deepen. When we *praise the Lord* for what we have each day, God can cast a glimmer of hope upon even some of the toughest moments. There is a story taken from Debbie Macomber's book, *A Simple Act*, about Corrie Ten Boom that illustrates this thought.

While Corrie and her sister Betsy were held in a concentration camp the overcrowded barracks they lived in was infested with fleas. While Corrie was concerned about daily survival, Betsy comforted her sister by reading from the bible, 1 Thessalonians 5:18, *Give thanks in all circumstances*. Betsy insisted they both practice this each day. As Betsy shared her thanks for the fleas Corrie objected. She could not find anything for which to give thanks to God while being in the camp and especially not for fleas. It would not come until much later that Betsy had good reason to give thanks for the fleas. The guards never searched their barracks, because of the fleas. If it had not been for the fleas, the guard would have discovered their bible, confiscated it and doled out brutal consequences. Seems that the fleas, at least in Betsy's eyes were a gift from God. Alleluia!!

Easter-time, Pentecost and Holy Trinity Sunday will be celebrated through the weeks of May and June. This would give an opportunity to try Debbie Macomber's, *Simple Act*.

Take 15-minutes each day to reflect and focus on the things you are grateful for and say a prayer of thanks to God for them. Journaling five things each day would be helpful. You don't have to be a great writer or provide lengthy details. A simple listing of the things is sufficient. By the end of June, check back through the journal to see what's changed. *"When gratitude is practiced, not only do we grow in trusting God, but there is also physical, emotional and spiritual benefits."* (Macomber, p. 16) Enjoy discovering *Simple Alleluias*.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Betty Lou



Sunday Worship Assistants May – June, 2019

Sunday, May 5th 3rd Sunday of Easter

Ushers: Scott McAllister - Mike Whitacre

Acolyte: Tessa Grove

Lector: Mark Hoefler

Communion Assistants: Ruth Phoebus, Carol Temple

Tellers: Stearns, Whitacre

Communion Assistants: Doris Karoll, Ruth Phoebus

Sunday May 12th 4th Sunday of Easter

Ushers: Ned Cockey – Brian Nottingham

Acolyte: Skylar Dishon

Lector: Brian Nottingham

Tellers: Wilson, Regan

Sunday May 19th 5th Sunday of Easter

Ushers: Timothy Lukens, Dennis Lukens

Acolyte: Judy Newsome

Lector: Diane Grove

Communion Assistants: Ruth Phoebus, Mark Hoefler

Tellers: McAllister, Lukens

Sunday, May 26th 6th Sunday of Easter

Ushers: Glenn Deuchler, Frank Altenburg

Acolyte: Sharon Lukens

Lector: Glenn Deuchler

Tellers: Saffron, Newsome

Sunday, June 2nd 7th Sunday of Easter

Ushers: Scott McAllister, Mike Whitacre

Acolyte: Tessa Grove

Lector: Richard Kiesling

Communion Assistants: Carol Temple, Sharon Lukens

Tellers: Stearns, Whitacre

Sunday, June 9th Pentecost

Ushers: Ned Cockey – Brian Nottingham

Acolyte: Skylar Dishon

Lector: Mike Whitacre

Tellers: Wilson, Regan

Sunday, June 16th Holy Trinity

Ushers: Sharon Lukens, Timothy Lukens

Acolyte: Judy Newsome

Lector: Ruth Phoebus

Communion Assistants: Ned Cockey, Mark Hoefler

Tellers: McAllister, Lukens

Sunday, June 23rd 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Ushers: Glenn Deuchler, Frank Altenburg

Acolyte: Sharon Lukens

Lector: Mark Hoefler

Tellers: Saffron, Newsome

Sunday, June 30th Healing Service

Ushers: Sharen Lukens, Dennis Lukens

Acolyte: Skylar Dishon

Lector: Brian Nottingham

Tellers: Stearns, Whitacre

Worship and Special Events May – June, 2019

Sunday, May 5th

- 9:00AM Traditional Worship with Communion

- 9:20AM Sunday School

Monday, May 6th

- 10:00AM Bible Study

Tuesday May 7th

- 7:00 Council Meeting

Thursday, May 9th

- 9:00AM stitchers

- 7:00PM Choir

Sunday May 12th 4th Sunday of Easter

- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship

- 9:20 AM Sunday School

Thursday, May 16th

- 9:00 AM stitchers

- 7:00 PM Choir

Sunday May 19th 5th Sunday of Easter

- 9:00AM Traditional Worship with Communion

- 9:20AM Last Day of Sunday School - Vacation

Monday, May 20th

- 10:00AM Bible Study

Thursday, May 23rd

- 9:00AM stitchers

- 7:00PM Choir

Sunday, May 26th 6th Sunday of Easter

- 9:00AM Traditional Worship

Monday, May 27th

- 10:00AM Bible Study

Thursday, May 30th

- 9:00AM stitchers

- 7:00PM Choir

Sunday, June 2nd 7th Sunday of Easter

- 9:00AM Traditional Worship with Communion

Monday, June 3rd

- 10:00AM Bible Study

Sunday, June 9th

Pentecost

- 9:00AM Traditional Worship

Tuesday June 11th

- 7:00PM Council meeting

Sunday, June 16th

Holy Trinity

- 9:00AM Traditional Worship with Communion

Monday, June 17th

- 10:00AM Bible Study

Sunday, June 23rd

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:00AM Traditional Worship

Sunday, June 30th

Healing Service

- 9:00AM Traditional Worship with Communion



Dear Salem Congregation,

We just want to say thank you from the bottom of our hearts to you, our Salem family, for the outpouring of support you gave us at the sudden death of our beloved son, Patrick. We have been deeply touched by your love. Your hugs, cards, words of encouragement, food, flowers, visits at home and at the funeral home, and especially your prayers have been overwhelming to us. We will never forget all of your gestures of kindness and compassion.

Patrick was truly a light and joy to us and to many others. We ask that you continue to keep us, his wife, Kiersten, his brothers, Ryan and David and his family, in your prayers as we struggle to adjust to life without him. We know God is carrying us right now. We cannot imagine going through this without Him in our lives. Through our pain, we remain assured of His promise that that we will someday be reunited.

You have truly been the face of God who has sustained us through this time. Thank you for being such a blessing to us. We pray God continues to bless each of you deeply, profoundly, and richly.

With love we are forever grateful to you.

Mark and Cathy

Our Famous Salem Tea party will be held May 5th

The theme is “My Fair Lady” so wear your best picture hat or don

A fancy “Fascinator.” We’ll go to the races at Ascot, right from the Rainbow Room!



ASCOT RACES



**SALEM OUTREACH
LET'S SET OUR GOALS FOR 2019 NOW!**

Mason- Dixon Community Services

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. Save your guest soaps and shampoo when you vacation – they are much needed and appreciated!

Our Daily Bread

In March and April, we made 35 casseroles for our Daily Bread. Please pick up recipes and pans in the Narthex, and try some of the delicious recipes we use at Salem at home!

Welcome One – FCCAU

On Friday, April 26, 2019, twenty- six Salem members, family, and friends were among the close to 240 people who attended the Basket Bingo to benefit the Welcome One Homeless Shelter in Belcamp. It was a night of fellowship and fun. Thanks to Salem (and the talents of Lynn Cox) who sponsored a beautiful basket filled with chocolate. Although Salem had no basket winners, several won door prizes. Jen Everett won a gardening kit, and Sarah West won a free pizza from Buontempo Brothers. Larry Lukens, Darla Lynch, and Mark Hoefler won restaurant gift cards from Basta Pasta, Plaza and Mexico, and Texas Roadhouse respectively. The big winner, of course, was Welcome One. Thanks to all who attended.

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! Please continue to donate to reach our Goal!





Let the Word of God Transform You.



Worship Notes from Pastor Dick:

The Words of Institution

One of the most wonderful portions of our worship together: remembering Jesus. I think most of us would agree, anytime and anywhere we want to remember Jesus. While these words might be included in a Eucharistic Prayer, always, always, always they are recited aloud among the people who have come to worship God. These words are not just a hoped-for dream or our good intentions for they are the very words our blessed Lord spoke to his disciples that Thursday night of holy week.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "This is my body given for you. Do this to remember me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Drink of it all of you. This is my blood shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as oft as you drink it in remembrance of me."

This remembering is asked for by our Savior. We are to remember him and his sacrifice for us. And, we look forward to remembering also that Jesus rose from the dead. Truly, because of the True Presence of our Lord in this meal, here is a holy [extra special] moment for the people of faith.

As you come to the altar you are told, "The body of Christ given for you." "The blood of Christ shed for you." How? When? It really doesn't matter, for as we eat and drink remembering the one we remember comes to touch our lives and live within us.

I think these words have inspired many people to write books, hymns, songs, prayers – the list could go on and on. What I especially want you to never forget is this: this holy remembering is the heart and core of our faith.

What better way for the people of God to gather for worship? What is our goal and object: to remember and praise Jesus Christ. The next time you stand in Salem Church and hear these words, let joy fill your heart that you are doing what Jesus himself asked us to do: remembering.

Pastor Dick

SLCC Corner



Spring is an exciting time at Salem Lutheran Children's Center! We are finally enjoying some warmer weather and we are excited to spend more time outside. Our classrooms have been learning about our wonderful planet Earth for Earth Day and learning ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle. We have many Spring field trips planned, including trips to Eden Mill, Oregon Ridge, and Plumpton Park Zoo. We are now registering for our "Down on the Farm" Two and You Program that will begin on May 2nd and continue for 4 weeks. The class will meet on Thursdays from 9:30 am-11:00 am and the last class will be at Ms. Diane's farm!

The annual Penny Carnival will take place on May 17th and our preschool classes will be celebrating their graduation on May 22. We are extremely lucky and thankful to have so many dedicated teachers at SLCC. May 6th – 10th is Teacher Appreciation Week so we will be going out of our way to thank them for all of their hard work in making Salem the special place that it is for kids.

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Salem Church Council - Executive Committee

Elders:

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

Committees:

Ned Cockey, Mike Whitacre, Trustees

Deacons:

Darla Lynch
Jennifer Everett
Mark Hoefler

First Communion

For three weeks in Lent, six of our young members in 1st grade and older met for First Communion instruction. The children received their First Communion on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. They served us bread they made, on patens they decorated themselves, along with their families.



God Bless the Nottingham, Hoefler and Mason children and their families

On Sunday, March 10, Salem families served a meal for the homeless,
at Harford County Rotation Shelter.





We observed Holy Week with Communion, Washing of Feet, and “Lenten Sketches” cantata.

On March 24th we joined in the moving service for the installation of Pastor Betty Lou as Pastor of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, followed by a joyful reception.



Installation by Bishop Gohl



The moving “Laying on of Hands” by other Pastors from our Synod

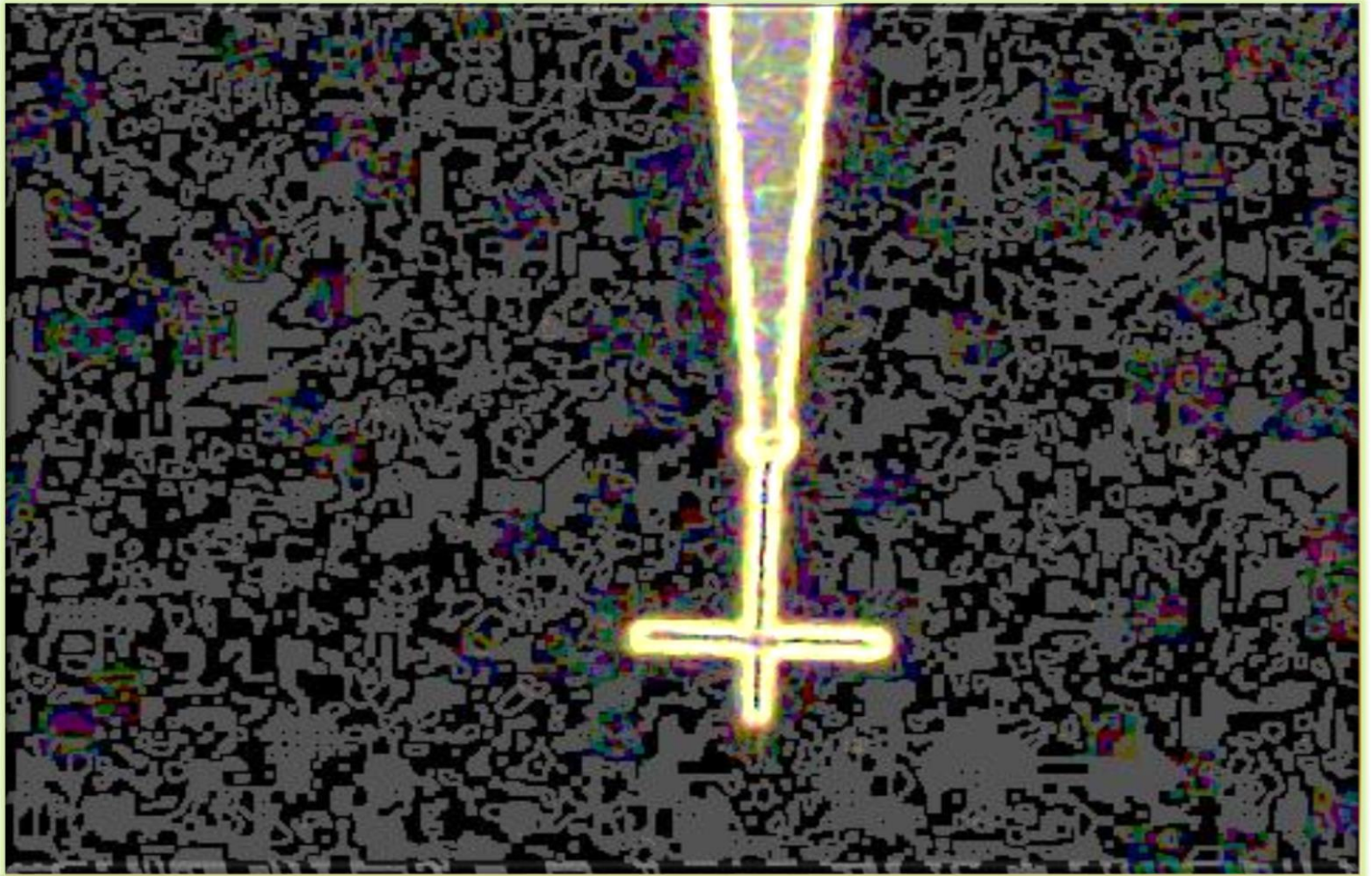
WE CELEBRATED A JOYFUL EASTER



HALLELUIA – HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!



**WE DONATED A BASKET FILLED WITH CHOCOLATE TREATS BY LYNN COX, AND PLAYED BINGO TO BENEFIT
WELCOME ONE HOMELESS SHELTER**



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