

the Bugle

It is Valentine's Day as I take time to draft this article for the March Bugle. It has been cold and icy but today is warm and sunny. It is a real gift as we have experienced more clouds than sunshine recently. The warm temperature will not last but it is a sample of what is coming, Spring is around the corner. We can sense it. We can anticipate it and plan for it but we cannot make it come about. Plans are underway for the next season of the church year. **Ash Wednesday on March 6 marks the beginning of a 40-day journey which will end with the Easter celebration on April 21.** Sometimes, we attempt to rush this season for it brings us face to face with our mortality and our need for renewal. We may long to move us quickly to proclamation and the good news of Easter for that is more enlightening and encouraging. But this season, too cannot be hurried. We cannot make Easter come any sooner. We must first go through the penitent season of Lent if we are to embrace the glorious news of the resurrection. During these next weeks, there will be many other things that will take place at Salem.

I encourage you to look carefully at the next pages and mark your calendars for the various worship, fellowship and service opportunities that we will sample together. This is a time to look eagerly into the weeks before us while at the same time enjoying each day as a gift to savor and share. While some days are appreciated more than others, I am reminded of the Psalmist who said, *"This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."* – Psalm 118:24. How will you receive and then share in the gift of the days God has entrusted to you? How will you share the message of hope Jesus provides us and longs for us to extend to others? I am hopeful we will challenge, encourage and help each other to rejoice and be glad in the daily blessings only God can provide. May our journey together be a blessing that brightens the lives of others even when the skies are cloudy and the weather is less than "ideal." The time we are given is a gift. How we share it is a reflection of how we feel about the one who has blessed us with it in the first place.



Pastor Craig Swenson

THROUGH THE CROSS

Join us at Salem for a 40 day journey that opens us to a deeper understanding of what Jesus has done and continues to do among us beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 6. Jesus is our hope and divine response to the world's greatest need. He meets us most clearly and most profoundly **through the cross.**

Ash Wednesday, March 6

Services with communion will be at 11am and 6:30pm

Lenten Midweek Services (March 13-April 10)

- 11am service, and then followed with a luncheon.
- **New Time!** 5:30pm soup supper followed by 6:30pm service.

A free will offering will be collected at the Lenten meals to go toward the food costs.

These are great times for fellowship, so we hope you will attend at least one of them as we take a 40 day journey through the cross.



Salem Members Approve Motions to Proceed



On Sunday, February 10, two motions were approved at the Special Congregational Meeting. 1. Enter into a contract with Miller Architects & Builders (MA&B) to draft construction drawings for the building project and to proceed with project bids. 2. Proceed with installing a new digital on the street side of the building. Funds are available for both of these decisions.

Installation of the sign will take place when weather permits.

The Salem Building Design Team will now meet regularly with Dave TeBrake from (MA&B) to formalize the construction drawings. This process will take several months including receiving bids and vetting potential contractors.

Once the bids are received there will be scopes of work to vote on. An August timeframe is expected for this congregational vote. To date, the Capital Appeal contributions received are \$565,584.65, and pledges in support of this appeal are \$1,982,020.24. Your support and generosity are blessings as together we work to make this concept a reality. Thank you for continued support and generosity to ensure that worship blesses those who gather and that learning and growth happens for people of all ages. Reaching out in compassion and service to others is a tangible expression of God's love to our neighbors. Thank you for your support toward this effort!



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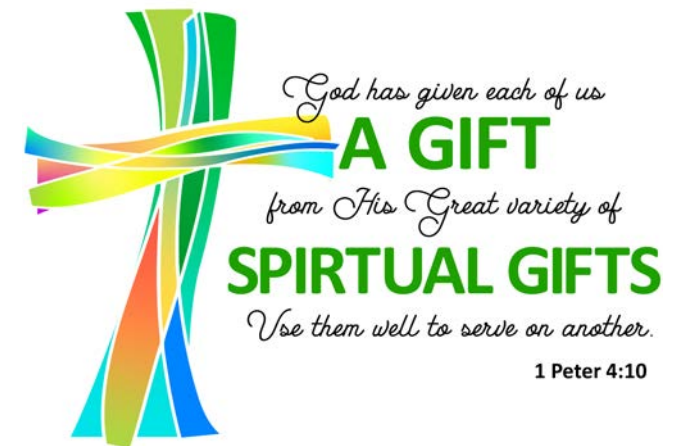
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Salem Ministry Fair on Sunday, March 10, 9:15am-10:30am

Saint Paul describes the church as one body with many members with a variety of gifts. When each part is working properly, it promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love. Participation through your Salem family is a good way to share your gifts, contribute to the work of Christ's church and expand your connection to other members.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR GIFTS?

Spiritual gifts, that is. Have you ever tried to do something but it just did not seem to come naturally? It could be that you have a different set of gifts. Skills and talents can be learned and developed but some are a more natural fit than others. The ELCA website includes an online survey to help you assess your spiritual gifts. Do you want to see what is a good fit for you? Follow the link here to help identify your God-given abilities so that you can more easily apply them in serving others. <https://salemofpeoria.com/ways-to-serve/serve/>



EXPLORE SALEM'S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

At the Ministry Fair on Sunday, March 10 from 9:15am-10:30am, Salem members will have the opportunity to explore how God is calling us to love our neighbor with all that God has entrusted to our care. We are called to love, not just with our words but with our whole lives. By using our time and talents to love God and our neighbor we love our neighbors as ourselves through Salem's ministry opportunities.

After walking through the Ministry Fair, there will be an available station for you to complete your **Time and Talent** portion of stewardship (also found online at: salemofpeoria.com/time-and-talent). Please review the opportunities to serve through Salem Lutheran Church and select those that inspire or interest you. The intent is to provide the most accurate list of volunteers to Salem's ministry leaders. So even if you have completed a time and talent sheet in the past, please do so again. Thank you for all you do for Christ's church through Salem Lutheran Church!

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Journey through Holy Week as it leads us to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. Learn about the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Alleluia, Christ is risen; he is risen indeed!



**-HOLY WEEK-
PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14
8AM & 10:45AM**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 18
11AM & 6:30PM**

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19
THE WAY OF THE CROSS
10AM**

**WORSHIP
6:30PM**

**-EASTER SUNDAY-
EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21
7AM & 9:30AM**

**EASTER BREAKFAST
8:00AM-9:15AM**

Take On A Lenten Discipline: Give Food to Those in Need

Salem will be placing an emphasis on our food collection for Bethel United Methodist during the season of lent. Each week of lent will focus on specific items of non-perishable food to donate for Bethel and other area food pantries. Please see the dates below and join us in the fight against hunger in Peoria!

March 10 – Canned fruits and vegetables, applesauce

March 17 – Grains (rice, quinoa, etc.), legumes (canned or packaged beans, etc.)

March 24 – Pastas (spaghetti, macaroni, etc.) and sauces (spaghetti sauce, etc.)

March 31 – Canned or packaged non-perishable meats

April 7 - Snack foods – crackers, granola bars, fruit cups, cookies, etc.

April 14 – Cereal, oatmeal, etc.

GLOBAL MISSIONS SUNDAY: MARCH 3

Come join us for worship on March 3rd as we celebrate Global Missions Sunday at Salem. It is a time to remember how God is present throughout the world and to give thanks for those who have been called to do God's work in our global community. We will specifically lift up the Ulrich family (Luke, Jamie, Mark, Miriam, Aaron) missionaries to Malawi that Salem, and Salem members, have been supporting the past three years. The Ulrichs are very thankful for the support they have received from Salem. Yarn that was collected in 2018 by our church has begun to be made into sweaters for children in the orphanage and books collected in the fall have been received at the orphanage library (Please see the pictures at https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1WpPlo7kCjRVTf7nZL_gUWYOARAwcENko.) Currently, they are in need of financial resources to help support programs developed during their time in Malawi. These include special fees for preschool children at the orphanage to attend preschool, fees for two students being supported in their university education, and money for bednets as the malaria season is in full swing.



ABOVE: Children at the orphanage receive sweaters made from the yarn donated by members at Salem.



ABOVE: Salem in the fall sent books to Mawali, the students at the orphanage added these to their library.

Your contributions for the support of this ministry work will be greatly appreciated. If you feel called to donate, Envelopes will be available in the pews, narthex, and welcome center on March 3rd. As always, we ask for your continued prayers for the Ulrichs, ELCA mission and global accompaniment workers, and all who serve doing God's work in the world. We pray also for those being served that they may know God's love through the work and help of others. If you have any questions regarding Salem's missionary sponsorship program or global Missions, please contact Bill Ligon at bligon@itv-3.com.



Join the Outreach Ministry Team!

Outreach Ministry is currently looking for new members to join our team. We would like to have your input and ideas on current, and future, local/global service ministry we are doing at Salem. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm. If you are interested, have questions, or would like to share prospective outreach projects, please contact Kelly Brinkman at kellyjasonbrinkman@att.net.

Serving Our Neighbors at the Crittenton Centers

Crittenton Centers has been serving Peoria and all of central Illinois since 1892. Currently, their three core services include the Crisis Nursery (emergency and respite care for infants and children ages birth to 6 years), the Child Development Center (preschool and daycare for infants and children ages 6 weeks to 6 years) and Educational and Support Services. Crittenton Centers' mission is to protect and nurture children and families.

Elaine Sokolowski is a Salem member who volunteers at Crittenton Crisis Nursery. She shares with us a bit about how she became involved at Crittenton Centers.



"I am really not certain when I became aware of Crittenton, but I always have been interested in young children. When my own children were young, I was a preschool teacher, and I always promised myself that, when I retired from library work, I would volunteer at the nursery. I would encourage anyone who enjoys children to volunteer there. Plentiful hugs are supplied!"

More About the Crittenton Crisis Nursery

The Crisis Nursery is always open to anyone, regardless of their financial need or circumstance. The Crittenton Crisis Nursery provides child abuse prevention services for children from birth to six years; through emergency intervention and respite care, crisis counseling, and support services to families facing stress related to domestic violence, parenting challenges, mental health issues, and other situations that put children at risk. In turn, parent stress levels are reduced, parenting skills increased, and children are safe.

Elaine volunteers once a week at the nursery which involves playing and reading to the children, feeding or rocking a baby, and more. If there is a child in need, the child is sent home with new clothes, coats, etc. Parents may also receive free diapers, wipes, and formula once a month. These items given to parents depends on donations.

What can you do to help?

Crittenton Centers gladly accepts diapers, formula, clothes, educational toys, and other infant & child related items, or you may make a monetary donation. You can make a difference! Interested in donating items for the Crisis Nursery, please contact Elaine Sokolowski at epsokolowski@hotmail.com. Elaine would be happy to deliver them the next time she volunteers.

Other Opportunities to Serve at Crittenton Centers

Quite a few Salem members give their time to the Crittenton Centers. The Doughtys and Ligon spearhead the Crittenton Garden in the summer months. Through the garden initiative, the children learn about growing healthy food and any family can pick what they want.

For more information about volunteering at the Crisis Nursery, please contact the Crisis Nursery Coordinator, at 309-674-0105 x 211 or michelles@crittentoncenters.org.

Many thanks to all at Salem for continuing to support our ministry of selling Fair Trade products that support small farmers and cooperatives around the world! Here is an update on what we have been doing with the Fair Trade ministry:

- Our Fair Trade Team - Jennifer Gallas and Jane Topel continue to coordinate the Fair Trade sales, and we are now pleased to welcome Karen Swenson to our team! All of us will be happy to help you select your favorite products when you visit the booth. We continue to have sales on the first Sunday of each month, although we are happy to help you get your products if you are unable to visit us at the booth. Please let us know if we can be of assistance. We are usually set up in the Gallery near the Welcome Center.
- New and returning products - we have added Sister’s Blend coffee to our products and will be featuring some new coffees, teas, candy bars and dried fruits in the coming months.
- We will be featuring more information about Fair Trade items at the upcoming ministry fair, so please stop by to learn more about Equal Exchange and our farmer partners that provide the goods that we sell each month. We may even have some samples for you to try!
- If you don’t carry cash or checks with you, know that we do take credit cards at the Fair Trade table!

We’d also like to add our thanks to the Outreach Team and also to Meghan Peterson and Matt Bastian for their help in keeping this program running. It takes many hands to do this work and we are very blessed to have that support.

Midwest Food Bank, March 20 at 9am

The next volunteer opportunity at Midwest Food Bank is at 9am on Wednesday, March 20. Please sign-up in the Welcome Center.

Thomas Jefferson Staff Appreciation

Outreach Ministries is hosting a Staff Appreciation Dessert/Fresh Fruit Bar at Thomas Jefferson. Non-refrigerated desserts (cookies, brownies, sheet cake, muffins, bars, batter bread, and cupcakes) will be served along with fresh fruit. There is a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center for anyone who is interested in donating. The baked goods can be left in the kitchen on Sunday, March 24. Thank you for signing up to donate baked goods.



SENIOR MINISTRIES

Rescheduled Senior Bingo

On **Wednesday, March 13 after the first Lenten Soup Lunch (about 12:30pm)**, Salem Seniors will meet in the Social Hall for fellowship and fun! Please plan to bring a wrapped white elephant gift (under \$5), which will be the bingo prize. Please sign-up in the Welcome Center.

Senior Ministries Trip to the Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Museum

On **Wednesday, March 27** after the Lenten Soup Lunch (about 12:30pm), Senior Ministries will take a bus trip to the Museums of the Diocese of Peoria to visit the Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Museum. Come learn more about the Priest of Peoria.

Scotch Doubles Bowling Event - (No bowling experience required!)

On **Saturday, March 9, dinner will begin at church at 5:30pm** followed by bowling at 6:45pm at Landmark Lanes. Cost for this fun fellowship night for adults is \$10 per person which includes three games, shoe rental and dinner. Please contact Jeff & Pam Machacek for more information.

Kappa Chi Plant Sale

Salem Youth Ministry will be hosting a plant sale this Spring as a fundraiser for their summer mission trip to Benton Harbor, Michigan. A variety of plants will be available by the flat or half flat. We will take orders **March 3-13** and plants will be available for pick up Friday, May 10 and Saturday, May 11. Order forms will be available at church and on-line. We are doing this fundraiser with the youth program from First English Lutheran Church. They have hosted a very successful plant sale for several years and are thrilled with the quality of plants. Watch for ordering information at church and on-line in early March.

Noisy Can Collection for ELCA Global Farm Challenge

Sunday School children, as well as Junior and Senior High students, continue to collect a "Noisy Can" offering on the **third Sunday** to support the ELCA Global Farm Challenge. All of our loose change added together can help families around the world end the cycle of hunger and poverty – for good.

Man to Man

Man to Man is very excited to announce a new study! We are starting a classic study book by Gene Getz titled "The Measure of a Man", twenty attributes of a Godly man. We like to invite any Salem man to come and check us out at any time!

Library Corner

You may have noticed some different books displayed in the Salem library lately. They tell about ordinary life in Biblical times. Knowing the context in which people lived can help us understand their thoughts and why the texts we hear each Sunday would have resonated with the people of that time. You are welcome to sing the card in the back of each book, place it in the card box on top of the card catalog in the library, and take the book home to enjoy. Happy reading!

Loaves & Fish Serving Opportunity, March 23 at 9am

The Salem men are again organizing a wonderful opportunity for Salem members to come and help serving meals to the needy of Peoria. Loaves & Fish is a local ministry program fulfilled by the First United Methodist Church of Peoria (FUMC), located on Perry Street downtown. The organizing committee asks each week for volunteers to help serve these meals. On an average Saturday about 250-300 hot meals are served. If you have served before, you know what an awesome program this is and how satisfying. If you have not been able to experience this, please join us this time!

The date serving opportunity is **Saturday, March 23. Please arrive at the FUMC between 9am - 9:30am.** We will be done by 1:30pm. All Salem members and friends 12 years and older are encouraged to participate! Look for the link to sign up in the Blast! For more information contact leovandervlugt@gmail.com or 309-657-7122.

FROM THE PARISH NURSE, LORI REIMER, RN

Many of us don’t think about it until something is wrong, but your eye health is your eyes are an important part of your health. There are many things you can do to keep them healthy and make sure you are seeing your best. Follow these simple steps for maintaining healthy eyes a very important part of your overall health. There are many things you can do to keep them healthy and make sure you are seeing your best.

- Have a comprehensive dilated eye exam
- Know your family’s eye history
- Maintain a healthy weight; eat right
- Don’t smoke
- Wear sunglasses
- Wear protective eye covering; practice workplace safety
- Give your eyes a rest from the computer or any long focus
- If you wear contacts, take steps to prevent infection



Lori Reimer, RN

For more details on these eye safety steps, you can find information at the Welcome Center on the first floor!



CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY OPPORTUNITIES

The Salem CYF program is offering the following upcoming opportunities for children, youth and parents to get a taste of camp life and the great programs offered through Lutheran Outdoor Ministries (LOMC) in Oregon, Illinois. If you are unfamiliar with this excellent camp, please visit their website at www.lomc.org.

Overnight Retreat for 3rd-5th graders at LOMC: Fri.-Saturday, March 22 & 23



We will leave Salem at **4:30pm on Friday and return by 6pm Saturday**. The cost is \$65 per person which includes lodging, a snack, two meals on Saturday and the camp program. Activities include: Bible study, worship, games, campfire, teambuilding, hiking, and the prayer labyrinth. Salem will provide \$25.00 scholarships per child making the cost per Salem child \$40. **Please sign up at the Welcome Center by March 3.** Parents are welcome to come along for this AWESOME overnight retreat.

Junior/Senior High Retreat for 6th – 9th graders at LOMC: Fri.-Sunday, April 26-28



We will leave Salem at **4:30pm on Friday and return by 3pm Sunday**. The cost is \$130 per student which includes lodging, five meals, two snacks, and the camp program. Activities include: Bible study, worship, games, campfire, teambuilding, hiking, and the prayer labyrinth. Salem will provide \$65.00 scholarships per youth making the cost per Salem youth \$65.00. **Please sign up at the Welcome Center by March 31.**

Theme: Pass it On: It Only Takes A Spark....to pass on God's love to others! It only takes a spark to ignite our passions to serve others! It only takes a spark to start changing the world! It only takes a spark to get the fire burning!

Kappa Chi 2019 Summer Mission Trip

Students in our High School Ministry, Kappa Chi, will participate in a week-long mission trip through Youth Works this summer. We will serve in Benton Harbor, Michigan **Sunday, June 30 through Friday, July 5.**



YOUTH SERVICE

A big THANK YOU to our high school youth and their leaders for leading Salem in worship on **Sunday, February 17**. What a wonderful tradition the Youth Service is in the life of our congregation. The students did not disappoint with their creative interpretation of "Soles Helping Souls."



MID-WEEK PROGRAMMING

Breaking Bread, Primtime, Faith for Life are on a break for the Lenten Season. These programs will begin again on Wednesday, April 24, 2019. Until then, it is highly encouraged for children, youth and families to join us at Salem for a 40-day journey "Through the Cross."

Ash Wednesday, March 6

Services with holy communion will be at 11am and 6:30pm

Lenten Midweek Services (March 13-April 10)

• 11am service, and then followed with a luncheon.

• **New Time!** 5:30pm soup supper followed by 6:30pm service.

A free will offering will be collected at the Lenten meals to go toward the food costs.

These are great times for fellowship, so we hope you will attend at least one of them as we take a 40 day journey through the cross.

First Communion Instruction in March

First Communion instruction for third graders will be on **Sunday, March 10** and **Sunday, March 17** during their 3rd grade Sunday School class. Parents are invited to class those two Sundays. First Communion will then be on **Palm Sunday, April 14, during the service of your choice.**

Affirmation of Baptism

Affirmation of Baptism for Faith for Life students will be during second service on **Mothers' Day (May 12, 2019).**

Larry Olson Concert

Long-time Salem friend Larry Olson of Dakota Road Music was our guest musician for the Youth Service in February. It was AWESOME to have him in concert with us on Saturday evening, February 16! \$393.00 was raised in a free-will offering during the concert offering for Richwoods High School's "Can Do Kids Club."

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019



Salem's 2019 Vacation Bible School **TO MARS AND BEYOND!** will be held Monday, July 29 - Friday, August 2 from 9AM - noon everyday.

Voyagers 3 years old through the 5th grade will experience a space travel adventure to explore where God's power can take them. Along the journey, Voyagers discover a new realm of possibilities as they reach for the stars and encounter the limitless power and love of God.

There will be a great need for student and adult volunteers during the week and many ways to become involved in this awesome Salem outreach event. The Children, Youth and Family Leadership Team is currently recruiting VBS Team Leaders. Please contact Jill Goldhammer or Rebecca Sipf if you can help.

Spread the word...



Want to fill the pews with more young families? Salem offers one of the best preschool programs in the area.

Help us reach out to new area families by inviting your friends and neighbors to check us out!

Your efforts ensure our classes and pews are filled with the next generation of Salem members.

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS



March 1

Janice Lambie
John Ryberg

March 3

Jason Ripper

March 4

Emily Arnold

March 6

Matthew Zapf

March 7

Benjamin Cooper
Donita Purcell

March 9

Matthew Bennett
Jennifer Zapf

March 10

Randall Blum
Ruby Chelgren
Linda Sedgwick

March 12

Joan Creager

March 13

Tanya Grabel
Ronald Hartman
Benjamin Owen
Jacob Owen

March 15

Beverly Maier

March 16

Nicole Breidel
Ava Salverson

March 17

Vicki Johnson
Veronica Reimer
Noah VanLaningham

March 18

Mia Doty
George Moore
Clifford Shoemaker
Pastor Craig Swenson

March 19

Melissa Metternich

March 20

Drew Runkel
Mason Runkel

March 21

Ann-Marree Anderson
Todd Kelly
Ward Ricketts

March 23

Sarah Gonzales
Karen Holmes

March 25

Kelsey Bastian

March 26

Colette Conard

March 27

Natalie Breidel

March 28

Audrey Aprahamian

March 30

Ruth Bock
Michael Swanson
Mary Ann Welch

March 31

Heidi Hainline
Richard O'Connor

Prayer Requests

- For the family and friends of Notre Dame principal Randy Simmons
- The men and women of our armed forces
- Support for all caregivers when loved ones suffer
- Ulrich Family
- Children of Guatemala
- Families at Crittenton Center
- Midwest Food Bank
- Walt and Joy Anderson
- Wally Bastian and his family
- Stephanie Dammann's

grandfather

- Keith Erickson
- Evie (kidney dialysis)
- Roz Gott
- Marge Gramm
- Jack Grant
- Ron Hipple
- Amy Hoffman
- Helen Johnson
- Larry and his family
- Lizzy
- Bill Mettam
- Sue Mikkelson
- The family of Jan Murzyn
- Dr. Rick O'Connor
- Liz Osborne

- Helene Peterson
- Marti Plunkett
- The Purcell/Manning Family
- Pat and Deb Sanders
- Quinten Sanders
- Ella Vandervlugt
- Wayne (brother of Barbi Ricketts)
- Jean and Frank Yancick

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY...

Stateside: Ian Borquist, Jason Sterr, Col. Darnell Salley, Scott Wolfmeyer

Overseas:
Talon Maki

“Heart & Soul” Tea Party

All Women, Mothers, Daughters and Granddaughters Welcome

TEA PARTY ON APRIL 13, at 11am

Fun hats and spring accessories are encouraged. Sign up to attend sheets are in the Welcome Center for attendees, table hostesses and men are needed to help serve.

For any questions please contact: Lynn Akers at 683-0849 or lynnakers2@gmail.com.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13
at 11:30AM

Heart
& Soul
TEA PARTY



THANK YOU!

- Thank you for the wonderful Valentines's greetings and gifts. They were very nice, and I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Thank you, Shirley Hornecker

- Thank you to my Salem Friends and to Lori Reimer for bringing me your Valentine cards, treats and lovable fuzzy pets. My grateful heart received countless blessings of joy shared through each of you. Your kindness was contagious. I can still feel it and cannot stop smiling.

Appreciation also to Joan Creager and Salem's "Choraleers" who serenaded us with hymns, toe tapping numbers and the song of the day, "Let Me Call You Sweetheart". In all, it was a joy to celebrate!

Praise the Lord, Bea Kent

- Salem Church Family -I had a good time looking at the pretty Valentines and surprises in my Valentine's Bag. Thank you, Thank you! -Fran Riley

- Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center (LOMC) is the Church in the outdoor setting where seeds of faith are sown with our campers. These seeds grow to bless the Church with faith-filled servants. The Holy Spirit dwells in us, and empowers us with spiritual gifts. Thank you for sharing your gift of giving with your donation to further the Lord's work at LOMC.

LOMC is a year round camp for youth and adults. Come experience camp with the beauty of winter while staying warm around a fire. Enjoy peaceful time with all the colors, animals and more any time of the year! Please visit our website at www.lomc.org for more information on upcoming events or come out for a hike around the property.

We are grateful for your partnership in this ministry,
Audrey Adams Retreat Business Manager

- Thank you for your gift of \$959.00 to ELCA World Hunger's Global Farm Challenge. Thanks to your incredible generosity, we've met our matching goal of \$515,000! Together, we've raised more than \$1million for the agricultural work of ELCA World Hunger through the Global Farm Challenge.

ELCA World Hunger helps fight hunger in more than 60 countries with a special focus on working efficiently and effectively to reach families and communities most in need. Through the Global Farm Challenge, we are connecting people with livestock, seeds, tools, training, access to markets and more. And with this support, families around the world can turn a hungry season in to a hopeful season.

Thank you for your gifts, your prayers and your partnership. This lifesaving, life-changing work would not be possible without you.

In Christ, Rev. Daniel Rift

MARCH 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 8am: Worship 9:15am: Education Hour 10:45am: Worship					1 9am: World Day of Prayer	2
3 Fair Trade Sunday Global Mission Sunday 8am: Worship 9:15am: Education Hour / Blood Pressures 10:45am: Worship 6:30pm: Financial Peace University	4 9am: TOPS Meeting	5 9:15am: Rebecca Circle 10am: Staff Meeting 7pm: Council Meeting	6 Ash Wednesday April Monthly Bugle Content Due 8am: Men's Bible Study 9:30am: Quilters 11am: Ash Wednesday Worship 6:30pm: Ash Wednesday Worship 7:15pm: Serendipity 7:30pm: Praise Band Practice 7:30pm: Sanctuary Choir after worship	7 9:30am: Bible Study	8 6pm: Brage Lodge	9 5:30pm: Adult Fellowship Dinner and Bowling
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