

the Bugle

The theme hymn for mid-week Lenten services this year is, *“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service.”* I love the words that describe Jesus as a humble servant who took up the weight of human suffering to bring about God’s perfect, merciful act on our behalf. This sacrificial deed then offers us the voice, heart and gifts to fulfill God’s divine purpose. At the same time, the second verse admits the issues of homelessness, hunger, captivity, grief, sickness remain as realities in our broken world. We therefore pray for a vision to discern faithful responses to meet the needs with compassion and hopeful expectation to live with passionate service through God’s abundant life within us.

The poetic language of this hymn unite us in a common passion to do as Jesus has done, to be servants of one another and to make a difference in the world around us. Isn’t that what we all hope for, to live with purpose? To make a difference when and how we can?

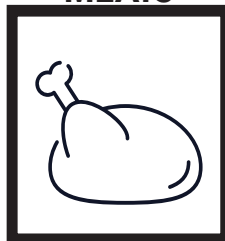
Beginning on **Wednesday, March 9**, worship will help us learn what servanthood is and how we can make a difference. A service component to worship this Lent will be to participate in support to one of our partner ministries. Each week you will be invited to bring a designated item with you as a contribution to Bethel United Methodist’s food pantry. Below is the list of items and the weeks we will highlight for these designations. While donations are always welcome, this is an effort to raise awareness of a few of the basic needs Bethel has indicated as hopeful in their efforts to feed the hungry in the name of Jesus. I invite you to prayerfully shop and bring your offerings of support to worship as we learn together how we can be servants of Christ with one another and be the difference Jesus calls us to make. Thank you.

**CANNED
VEGETABLES**



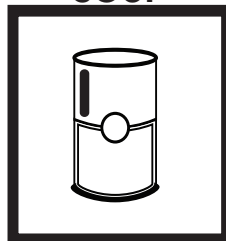
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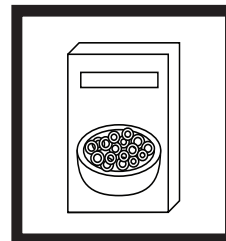
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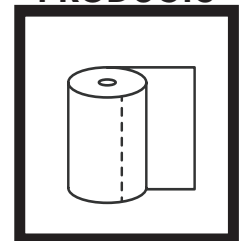
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CEREAL



MARCH 30

**PAPER
PRODUCTS**



APRIL 6

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go, to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give, that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

WHAT IS SERVANTHOOD?
LENT AT SALEM LUTHERAN



Ash Wednesday,
March 2: 11AM / 7PM
Wed., March 9 -
Wed., April 6:
11AM / 7PM

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, April 10: 9AM

Way of the Cross, April 15:

- 10AM: Craft
- 10:30AM: Program
- 11:30AM: Lunch

Good Friday, April 15: 7PM

EASTER SUNDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

Worship:

6am (outside), 8:30am, 10:30am

Easter breakfast will be served
between services.



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MARCH MEETINGS
& EVENTS

For more information: salemofpeoria.com/communications/calendar/

SALEM COUNCIL &
MINISTRY GROUP
MEETINGS

TUESDAY, MAR 1 at 7pm:
Salem Council Meeting

MONDAY, MAR 7 at 6:30pm:
Congregational Care Ministry,
Zoom

TUESDAY, MAR 8 at 7pm:
Outreach Ministry

TUESDAY, MAR 8 at 7:30pm:
Faith Formation Ministry

TUESDAY, MAR 15 at 7pm:
Property & Finance Ministry

TUESDAY, MAR 22 at 6:30pm:
Worship & Music Ministry

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WORSHIP & MUSIC

SUNDAYS at 9am (online/in person)

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2 at 11am / 7pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9 - APRIL 6 at 11am / 7pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 3 - MARCH 17 at 6pm:
Chancel Bell practice

THURSDAY, MARCH 3 - MARCH 17 at 7pm:
Chancel Choir practice

TUESDAY, MARCH 22 - MARCH 29 at 6pm:
Chancel Bell practice

TUESDAY, MARCH 22 - MARCH 29 at 7pm:
Chancel Choir practice

FAITH FORMATION

SUNDAYS at 10:15am: Education Hour
Sunday School, Faith for Life, Kappa Chi,
Women of the Word, Man-to-Man, Parent Group

WEDNESDAYS at 9:30am:
Bible Study on Zoom with Pastor Craig

THURSDAYS at 9:15am:
Adult Bible Study led by Bill Ligon

TUESDAY, MAR 1 at 10am:
Rebecca Circle

WEDNESDAY, MAR 9 at 2pm:
Lydia Circle

SUNDAY, MAR 20 at 11:15am:
Faith for Life

WED, MAR 30 at 8pm:
Salem Book Club on Zoom

OUTREACH

SUNDAY, MAR 6: Fair Trade Sunday
and Food Collection

WED, MAR 23, 9am:
Midwest Food Bank

WORSHIP & MUSIC CALL TO MUSICIANS

We Would LOVE to have you Join Us

This is a call to all Salem Musicians. Special Music provides a variety to our weekly worship services, and we would be delighted for anyone who feels called to share. This can be instrumental or vocal - and you can choose your own piece or work with the Director of Music to select an appropriate piece to share in worship. If you would like to participate in a Special Music offering for a Sunday service, please contact Maggie Slotter at mslotter@salemofpeoria.com.

SALEM LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

Openings for Fall 2022!

Salem Lutheran Preschool currently has enrollment openings for three and four year olds. For over 45 years Salem Lutheran Preschool has prepared children for kindergarten in a fun and loving learning environment. Please contact Pam Machacek for a visit today at (309) 688-9212.

FAITH FORMATION First Communion

Save the Date!

First Communion for children in 3rd grade and older is scheduled for **Sunday, April 10, Palm Sunday**. Instruction will take place at a time that will be convenient for families. If interested in participating, please contact the church office (office@salemofpeoria.com or (309) 688-9212 to express interest. The instructional session(s) will be then scheduled based on desire and need. Thank you.

FROM THE PARISH NURSE,
LORI REIMER

Learn More About Prediabetes

Prediabetes is a serious health condition that can increase your risk for the development of type 2 diabetes, as well as heart disease and stroke. One in 3 adults in the U.S. are affected by prediabetes and most don't know they have it. It is possible to manage or reverse prediabetes.

Follow these tips to manage your prediabetes:

- Start by taking small steps toward change. Overwhelming yourself can be counterproductive.
- Increase physical activity. Get at least 30 minutes of physical activity 5 days a week.
- Choose healthier foods and drinks most of the time. Select foods high in fiber and low in sugar and fat. Build your meals by balancing vegetables, proteins, and carbohydrates. Drink more water and limit sweetened drinks.
- If needed, lose weight by keeping track of it and keeping it off. If overweight, losing 5 to 7 percent of your starting weight could prevent or delay diabetes.
- Seek guidance and support from your physician and other health care professionals.

You can find more detailed information at diabetes.org or niddk.nih.gov

Salem Lutheran Library – A unique gift!

Exciting News! An online library resource is now linked to Salem's website. To access and view the collection (salemofpeoria.com), look for the **Learn** tab, click on **Salem Lutheran Library**, click again on **Library Catalog** and scroll through the online collection.

Or, search(salemofpeoria.com/salem-lutheran-library).

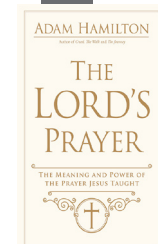
Then come to the library and check-out books of your interest. Many new books have been added! Come "check us out!" If you wish to have books delivered to your home, please contact Karen Swenson at 309-258-5708 or at klswen@hotmail.com.

Featured this month:



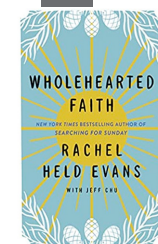
What Happened at the Cross by Billy Graham

The cross of Christ towers over 2,000 years of history. What happened on that hill called Calvary? In this compilation of his life's work, Billy Graham explains what Jesus accomplished on the day of his death, the meaning of his death, the meaning of his sacrifice, where he is now, the price of victory, and how to live with hope.



The Lord's Prayer by Adam Hamilton

Most of us know the Lord's Prayer by heart-but do we really appreciate the power of it's words? In this 6-week Lenten study, Hamilton helps you find a deeper understanding of the petition you may have come to recite without thinking. Learn how it can serve as a pattern for your everyday devotional life.



Wholehearted Faith by Rachel Held Evans

Rachel Held Evans is widely recognized for her theologically astute, profoundly honest, and beautifully personal books, which have guided, instructed, edified, and shaped Christians as they seek to live out a just and loving faith. At the time of her tragic death in 2019, Rachel was working on a new book about wholeheartedness. With the help of her close friend and author Jeff Chu, that work-in-progress has been woven together with some of her other unpublished writings into a rich collection of essays that ask candid question about the stories we've been told—and the stories we tell—about our faith, our selves, and our world. This book is for the doubter and the dreamer, the seeker and the sojourner, those who long for a sense of spiritual wholeness as well as those who have been hurt by the Church but can't seem to let go of the story of Jesus. Through theological

reflection and personal recollection, Rachel wrestles with God's grace and love, looks unsparingly at what the Church is and does, and explores universal human questions about becoming and belonging. An unforgettable, moving, and intimate book.

Outreach Grant Opportunity

Outreach Ministry Team has some discretionary funds to distribute to LOCAL causes this spring and we want your input. Please submit your favorite agencies, organizations and causes and write us a paragraph or two of why you think Salem should send them an unexpected donation or supplies! Include any involvement you have had with this cause in the past and be as specific as possible about the needs addressed. All ages may submit suggestions. Email your request to the church office – office@salemofpeoria.com - attention Sarah Gonzales and by **April 1, 2022**.

FAITH FORMATION March Book Club

We Would LOVE to have you Join Us

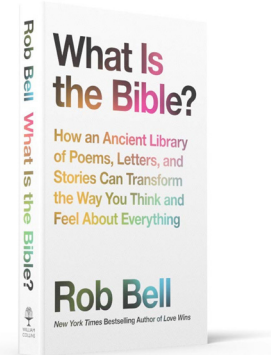
Join Salem's book club group on **Wednesday, March 30 at 8pm on Zoom**. Please join us for one book or every month. We meet for one hour and enjoy sharing what we enjoyed about the book for the month and what we learned. The group chooses the book to read each month. We would LOVE to have you join us. Please call the church office at **(309) 688-9212** or email Gretchen at gpetrakis@salemofpeoria.com if you interested or have questions.

Rob Bell, the beloved author of *Love Wins and What We Talk About When We Talk About God*, goes deep into the Bible to show how it is more revelatory, revolutionary, and relevant than we ever imagined—and offers a cogent argument for why we need to look at it in a fresh, new way.

In *Love Wins*, Rob Bell confronted the troubling questions that many people of faith were afraid to ask about heaven, hell, fate, and faith. Using the same inspired, inquisitive approach, he now turns to our most sacred book, the Bible. ***What Is the Bible?*** provides insights and answers that make clear why the Bible is so revered and what makes it truly inspiring and essential to our lives.

Rob takes us deep into actual passages to reveal the humanity behind the Scriptures. You cannot get to the holy without going through the human, Rob tells us. When considering a passage, we shouldn't ask "Why did God say ...?" To get to the heart of the Bible's meaning, we should be asking: "What's the story that's unfolding here and why did people find it important to tell it? What was it that moved them to record these words? What was happening in the world at that time? What does this passage/story/poem/verse/book tell us about how people understood who they were and who God was at that time?" In asking these questions, Rob goes beyond the one-dimensional question of "is it true?" to reveal the Bible's authentic transformative power.

Rob addresses the concerns of all those who see the Bible as God's Word but are troubled by the ethical dilemmas, errors, and inconsistencies in Scripture. With *What Is the Bible?*, he recaptures the Good Book's magic and reaffirms its power and inspiration to shape and inspire our lives today.



OUTREACH MINISTRY

Lutheran World Relief School Kit Project

The Outreach Ministry group will be sponsoring the Lutheran World Relief School Kit Project.

Step One: A Thrivent card will be used to purchase materials for the bags, materials and the pattern will be provided to anyone who wishes to sew the bags. Members of the congregation are welcome to purchase and sew bags on their own as well. The goal will be to have 150 bags ready for supplies by September.

Step Two: July and August we will collect the needed school supplies to fill the bags.

Step Three: September packing parties to pack the school bags with supplies.

Step Four: October the completed bags will be delivered to St. Johns in Bloomington to be sent to LWR for distribution to those in need around the world.



Fair Trade Prices increasing in March 2022

We received the following news from our Fair Trade providers, Equal Exchange:

"Supply chain disruptions have been in the news throughout the pandemic and you've probably personally experienced product shortages on your local grocery store shelves. The costs of doing business continue to climb for Equal Exchange and our producer partners at every step of the supply chain. At the writing of this letter, the cost of green coffee beans on the commodity market has continued to increase month after month as have transportation costs from farmers to Equal Exchange and from us to you.

We're also doing this at a time when Equal Exchange and our farmer partners are facing unprecedented challenges due to climate change. As always, our focus is to create impact for farmers, consumers, and alternative traders for the long term. This context of uncertainty makes it exceptionally difficult to plan and make the right investments for the future, particularly for vulnerable farming communities.

We thank you for your continued support and understanding. Together, our collective direct supply chains are a lifeline to farming communities at this crucial time. Increased prices will enable our important work to continue. Equal Exchange pays farmer partners well above market prices, and expects to pay farmers even more this year. We will also continue to support additional farmer co-op investments and community projects beyond product purchases."

Salem sells most of the items with a small markup and very close to cost, as our ministry is to support the small farmers and cooperatives who provide these quality products. We will share the new prices with you in our online form and at our Fair Trade booth on **March 6**. In most cases, it is coffee prices that have risen the most, but we still try to keep them reasonable as we so appreciate the support of our Salem family.

Thank you for your support and understanding! WE look forward to serving you in the coming months.

Karen, Jane and Jennifer – Salem's Fair Trade Team

FAITH FORMATION Way of the Cross

Children and families will follow along as the Faith for Life students trace the footsteps of Jesus beginning with his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Save the date and invite a friend!

Program will begin at 10:30am on Good Friday, April 15. Reservations are requested as box lunches will be provided.

FAITH FORMATION FAITH FOR LIFE

**YOUTH GROUP FOR 5TH-8TH GRADERS
SUNDAY, MARCH 20 at 11:15AM – 1PM**

In person – Minute to Win It Games & Kick off for our April Faith for Life Social Justice Project.

Lunch Provided. Students are encouraged to come to worship at 9am, Sunday School at 10:15 and stay for Youth Group.

THANK YOU

Salem Lutheran Family,

Thank you for the generous candy bar snowman gifts to each of our students before Christmas break. They were so cute and our students loved them. We appreciate your kindness to all of us.

-Mrs. Boerger, Principal, C.T. Vivian Primary School



ABOVE: A selection of the MANY thank you notes from CT Vivian students and staff.

MORE THAN PINK SATURDAY, MAY 7 SALEM LUTHERAN SAINTS

Salem has registered a team for the More Than Pink Walk™ again this year, the Salem Lutheran Saints. The event will be Saturday, May 7. If you want to register for the walk and join the team, or if you are unable to join us, but wish to make a donation, go to <https://bit.ly/SalemLutheranSaints>

There are many ways to participate and support the Salem Saints Team through Susan Komen's More Than Pink™ beyond the walk:

- April 8 at 7pm, Trivia Night
- April 30, Mexican Evening
- Thursday, May 5 at 6:30pm Pray for the Cure

More information about these the fundraiser events will be in the *April Bugle/Bugle Blast*.

PRAY for the CURE
THURS, MAY 5, 6:30PM

Easter Lily Donations

Salem has ordered 30 lilies to beautify the sanctuary for Easter. Each lily costs \$16, and donations will be received to help offset the cost of the lilies and to allow people to memorialize or honor their loved ones. This information will be shared in both the online and in-person services for Easter.

An online form is available here: <https://salemofopeoria.com/worship/flowers/> or you may contact the church office at: (309) 688-9212 or office@salemofopeoria.com.

FAITH FORMATION CIRCLE HIGHLIGHT

We are designed to live intentionally in community with others. There are specific groups at Salem for all ages. Currently two Women Circles are gathering at Salem. These groups spend fellowship time together and follow a devotional to grow their faith and support each other. For more information please contact the Circle contact or the church office to help you connect to a group.

TUES, MAR 1, 10AM: Rebecca Circle
Roxanne Vandervlugt: roxannevandervlugt@gmail.com

TUES, MAR 9, 2PM: Lydia Circle
Annette Doughty: hayseed11@frontier.com

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 1 Janice Lambie	March 9 Matthew Bennett Jennifer Zapf	March 17 Vicki Johnson Veronica Reimer Noah VanLaningham	March 23 Sarah Gonzales Karen Holmes
March 3 Jason Ripper	March 10 Randall Blum Linda Sedgwick	March 18 Mia Doty George Moore Clifford Shoemaker Pastor Craig Swenson	March 25 Kelsey Bastian
March 4 Emily Arnold	March 12 Joan Creager	March 19 Melissa Metternich	March 26 Colette Conard
March 5 Jeanne Setterlund	March 13 Tanya Gabel Ronald Hartman Benjamin Owen Jacob Owen	March 20 Drew Runkel Mason Runkel	March 27 Natalie Breidel
March 6 Thomas Oertley Matthew Zapf	March 15 Beverly Maier	March 21 Ann-Marree Anderson Todd Kelly Ward Ricketts	March 28 Audrey Aprahamian
March 7 Benjamin Cooper Donita Purcell	March 16 Nicole Breidel Nancy Bridges Ava Salverson		March 30 Ruth Bock Michael Swanson Mary Ann Welch
March 8 Gary Setterlund			March 31 Heidi Hainline Howard Knobloch Richard O'Connor

PRAYER REQUESTS

THANKSGIVING TO GOD FOR...

- Salem's growing ministry

DIRECTION...

- Salem Congreg. Council
- Salem's Pastor, Deacon and Staff

PRAYERS REQUESTS...

- All those affected with COVID-19
- The men and women of our armed forces
- Support for all caregivers when loved ones suffer
- Individuals suffering from depression
- People of Guatemala
- Ulrich family in Malawi
- Families at Crittenton Center
- Midwest Food Bank
- Betty Ahlgren
- Natalee Arff
- Wally Bastian and his family

- Lesly Baumgarten
- Luan Borquist
- Butch Conard
- Stephanie Dammann's grandfather
- Ethan, grandson of Bea Kent
- Erica, Clint and their family
- Gabe
- John and Tanya's daughter-in-law and their family
- Jack Grant
- Henry
- Ron Hipple
- Helen Johnson
- Lizzie
- Morgan Lott
- Mariann
- Marta
- Bill Mettam
- Tom Mueller
- Bruce Norgard
- Dr. Rick O'Connor

- Lana Pasco
- Donita Purcell
- Regina
- Rosy Park

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY...

Stateside: Gibson Gonzalez, Emily Graff, Barry Joyce, Jim Sterling, Jason Sterr
Overseas: Ian Borquist, Talon Maki

To receive Prayer Chain emails or to make a prayer request please contact Norma Hartman: nkhartman248@gmail.com or the church office: office@salemofopeoria.com.



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**Wednesdays, March 9 - April 6:
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**WORSHIP AT SALEM
SUNDAYS, 9AM**

STUDY • REFLECT • DWELL

Studies for All Ages: Sunday, 10:15AM

Zoom Online Bible Study: Wed., 9:30AM

In Person Bible Study: Thursday, 9:15AM


Lord
WHOSE
love
AND HUMBLE
service