

The SEER

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

MARCH 2021

March SERVICES



SUNDAYS

To participate with others, join
Sunday's 9:30 Service.

It can be found on our Facebook Page:
Salem Lutheran Church

Anytime after that, you can find it on Facebook
or on our YouTube channel:
Salem ELC Stillwater OK.

Adult Discussion Class is at 10:30am.

**Contact Pr. Sally (pastorsally@sbcglobal.net) for
information on dialing in or link info for Zoom .**

Outdoor Communion service- We will plan to gather at 3:00 pm on **Sunday, March 7** in the area by the large parking lot at Salem. There will be chairs, or you can stand, for the brief service. Masks and social distancing are the order of the day.

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

For this season we use portions from the setting of Evening Prayer from the 'old green' Lutheran hymnal, the LBW. The prayers, based on scripture, are the same ones that have been used for well over a millennia -- you will recognize them from the version of Evening Prayer that we usually use, Holden Evening Prayer. We end by singing, 'Now the Day Is Over' -- a beautiful way to pray for Jesus' aid, protection and comfort at the end of the day.

If you would like a copy of the service to sing/worship along or a copy of the Daily Devotions, contact the office to have one mailed or emailed or you can pick one up from a box placed by the main (back) doorway in from the large parking lot on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 2 & 3 or Thursday March 4 until 11am.

Remember that our **Lenten Offering** is for ELCA World Hunger -- please write 'Lent' on the memo line of your check.

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

10am ZOOM meeting. Newcomers welcome, anytime. Pre-reading not required!



It's been a year...

That phrase can have two meanings:
“It’s been a long/hard/difficult/weird/crazy/exhausting year” (which it has),
or “It’s been a year since...”

Well, mid-March it will have been a year since we worshipped together in-person inside our beautiful church home. When the Church Council made the decision on March 14th to go online we thought that in a few weeks the virus would be under control and we would be back together. It was impossible then to picture that we would be marking the year anniversary with still more Sundays ahead online, not knowing exactly when we will be back in the building.

However, that time is certainly closer now that it was a year ago! We will be sending an email soon detailing some of the plans and preparations we are making, as well as the Covid cautions and particular challenges we have.

In the meantime, *it's been a year* since we were on the Lenten road. Losses have stacked up, heavier for some of us than others, and even more than last year we need to link virtual arms and travel it together with faith, hope and love.

Look inward. What do you need to hear from God? Truth-telling that turns you around? Maybe that you are a pearl of great worth? Perhaps, that despite everything, all is forgiven?

Look outward. Where is Jesus going? With whom is he speaking? What and who in our world is drawing your heart to respond to it?

Look forward. Put aside the anxiety about tomorrow, and greet each lengthening day with wonder, curiosity and joy in knowing that we walk, once again, the Lenten path with Jesus...a path that ends in Resurrection light.

Pastor Sally

Looking forward to Holy Week!

Sunday March 28 Palm Sunday, an online service, 9:30am and Youtube: Special music, Palm Sunday virtual processional* and a reading of the Passion. ***Send Pastor Sally a pic of you or your family – any kind of shot, any time of the year, doing anything! – and we will include you in the processional.**

Thursday, April 1 Maundy Thursday, an online service, 7pm and YouTube: Special music, Confession and Forgiveness, Gospel and Sermon, ‘Move’ to the garden with Jesus, and Stripping of the Altar

Friday, April 2 Good Friday Tenebrae, an encore online recording of our beautiful Tenebrae Service; digital/printed version available so that you can pray and sing along.

Saturday, April 3, 2pm Youth decorate the outdoor Easter Cross

Sunday, April 4

7am – **Sunrise Service** at Salem Cemetery

9:30 on YouTube – **The Resurrection of Our Lord**, an online service

11am – **Outdoor Communion** at Salem Parking Lot



Council News- From Your President

Well, we have been through quite a time: snow, polar temperatures, frozen pipes, rolling blackouts and another reason to stay home besides Covid. I pray all of you are well and no major damage was done to your home. We had a frozen hot water pipe in our kitchen for a couple of days but we kept heat in the area and it fixed its self.

Thanks to Zoom, Facebook, YouTube, written service, emails and texting we are able to continue as church. The Ash Wednesday service was available to us to watch on Facebook or YouTube, if you were able to go by the church before the snow you may have been able to pick up ashes to use. It definitely wasn't the usual service, but it did allow us to be church together. Thanks for your continued support of the opportunities to stay connected and for your financial support.

Council has changed our meeting night to the second Tuesday of the month and right now we are meeting by Zoom at 6:00 pm. When we were meeting the first Tuesday after the first Sunday and the first day of the month was Saturday or Sunday it made it very difficult for Treasurer, Scott Wolff and Financial Secretary, Michelle Horning to have enough time to get their reports ready. The new schedule worked well in February.

The Butterfly Garden will start showing sprouts of green before long and I for one am anxious to see it. During the summer and fall it was nice to see friends of the neighborhood enjoying some quiet time while sitting on the benches. When you have time and the weather is nice it's a nice place to visit. There will always be some expenses to replace plants and gravel, plus, though it's all paid for, we borrowed from another fund, so donations marked Butterfly Garden will always be appreciated.

If you have any suggestions or questions email me at judy.lewis@suddenlink.net, call or text me at 405-747-9116.

Stay well and hugs from a distance. Judy



WE ARE HIS HOUSE.

HEBREWS 3:6

Calling all Cooks: Share the Love with Campus Ministry!

We have a solid core of 7-9 students who have doggedly come in all kinds of weather on Thursday evenings to pick up their made-with-love to-go meals, packed by our Peer Ministers and cooked by Salem members. Then we share supper and Bible Study via Zoom.

We could use more cooks, and it's really ever so simple, with lots of options. We pack up the to-go boxes starting at 5:30 pm. You could

1. Bring your meal between 5:15 and 5:30 – we help you unload, or
2. Bring your meal earlier and pop whatever needs baking in the oven or hook up your slow cooker or put your chili/soup on low on the stove, or
3. Leave what you have to heat up in the refrigerator the night before with instructions on heating or putting a salad together, and we will take care of it for you!

Contact Pastor Sally (pastorsally@sbcglobal.net) for more details or to sign up to share the job with someone else. Main dish, side or salad and a dessert will do the trick.



MARCH



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Judy Lewis
- 7 Anna Long
- 8 Carly Oltmanns
- 9 Olen Weaver
- 11 Ellis Allinson
- 15 Lela Merkel
- 15 Jeff Tipling
- 17 Everett Johnson
- 17 Denzil Carney
- 22 Logan Hearp
- 24 Noah Knapp
- 27 Kelley Knapp
- 28 Edith Friedle

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Stacie & Brandon Hearp
- 11 Jason Lavery & Susanne Weinberger
- 24 Jeanette & Everett Johnson

SPECIAL DATES IN MARCH

- World Day of Prayer, 3/5
- Daylight-Saving Time begins, 3/14
- St Patrick's Day, 3/17
- First day of Spring, 3/20
- Palm/Passion Sunday, 3/28
- Holy Week, March 28 – April 4

Though St. Patrick's Day has become a secular "holiday," March 17 commemorates the life of a Christian missionary. St. Patrick grew up in a Christian home in Britain but wasn't very devout until he experienced crisis. As a teen, he was captured and sold into slavery in Ireland, escaping after six years. "The Lord opened my unbelieving eyes" in Ireland, Patrick later said. God led him back there, and he converted tribe after tribe to Christianity.

"Always show kindness and love to others. Your words might be filling the empty places in someone's heart." — Mandy Hale

"No pain, no palm; no thorns, no throne; no gall, no glory; no cross, no crown." — William Penn

"We live and die; Christ died and lived!" — John Stott

"If we dwell upon the harms that have been wrought on us by humankind, we amputate from our mind the power of dwelling upon God." — Macarius of Egypt (4th century)

"Life is given to you like a flat piece of land, I hope that when I'm finished, my piece of land will be a beautiful garden." — actress Jeanne Moreau.

"Reach up as far as you can, and God will reach down all the rest of the way."
—John Vincent

"It's wonderful to climb the liquid mountains of the sky. Behind me and before me is God and I have no fears. —Helen Keller





BIRDS IN THE WORD

The Bible mentions many kinds of birds. How many have you seen?

Directions: Unscramble the bird names, using the Bible references and pictures as clues. Then insert the final unscrambled bird name to complete the passage below.



VDEO

— — — — (Genesis 8:8)



LWO

— — — — (Psalm 102:6)



GEELA

— — — — (Isaiah 40:31)



TOKRS

— — — — (Jeremiah 8:7)



APROSWRS

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“Are not five — — — — — — — — — — sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. ... Don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many — — — — — — — — — —.”

LUKE 12:6-7, NIV

ANSWER: DOVE, OWL, EAGLE, STORK, SPARROWS

FOR THE BIRDS

Display this recycled craft to care for feathered friends.



What you need:

- Peanut butter or vegetable shortening
- Plastic knife
- Empty toilet paper tube
- Bird seed
- A plate
- String



What you do:

1. Spread peanut butter or vegetable shortening on the tube, covering the entire outside surface.
2. Pour bird seed on a plate and roll the tube in the seeds.
3. Thread string through the tube and tie it to make a loop.
4. Hang the bird feeder outside. When seeds are eaten, coat the roll again.

We know the name of only one of the two disciples to whom the risen Jesus appeared on the road to Emmaus. Who was he?

- A. John
- B. Paul of Tarsus
- C. Joseph of Arimathea
- D. Cleopas



ANSWER: D (See Luke 24:18.)

Bible Quiz

After Jesus raises Lazarus from death, what does his family do to thank Jesus?

- A. They host a dinner for him.
- B. Martha serves the meal.
- C. Mary anoints Jesus’ feet with an extravagant amount of expensive perfume.
- D. All of the above.



ANSWER: D (See John 12:1-3.)



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Adult Discussion Class

During March, the Adult Discussion class will continue The Beginnings of Judaism based on lectures by Professor Isaiah M. Gafni.

The topics will include:

March 7th – “Jews Under Persian Rule –
The Return to Zion”

March 14th – “The Challenges of Hellenism”

March 21st – The Maccabees –
From Rebels to Kings”

March 28th – Palm Sunday – No Class

The Adult Discussion Class is currently a Zoom meeting at 10:30 AM on Sunday mornings. The address for the Zoom meetings can be found in Pastor’s Tuesday memos and the Sunday Service E-Mail.

Join us for thoughtful discussions to improve our understanding of the roots of our faith.