

The SEER

Salem Lutheran Church

April 2022



Worship during Lent and the Easter Season

April 3- Fifth Sunday in Lent
9:30am
Evening Service 5:00pm

April 6- Wednesday, Holden
Evening Prayer 7pm

April 10- Palm/Passion Sunday
9:30am
Evening Service 5:00pm

April 14- Maundy Thursday Service
7pm

April 15- Good Friday Service 7pm

April 17- Easter
Sunrise Service at Cemetery
6:30am
Salem Service 9:30am

April 24- Second Sunday in
Easter 9:30am, ELW setting 4
Evening Service 5:00pm

OFFERING OF LETTERS ON PALM SUNDAY



Mark tells us that on Palm Sunday the people cried “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord” and also “Blessed is the coming Kingdom of our ancestor David.” The people of Jerusalem wanted a king who would administer justice according to the laws of Moses. They cried out to Jesus to take on that role. Who do we expect to administer justice in our world?

On April 10th, after service, in the fellowship hall, Salem will hold an Offering of Letters, an opportunity to call out to those we have granted power as our duly-elected officials. We’ll provide talking points and sample letters from Bread for the World for those who need inspiration, but we encourage you to express yourselves in your own way. We’ll have contact information, tips for effective communications, samples, physical addresses, internet addresses, stationary – everything you need to contact your representatives in Congress or the Oklahoma Legislature.

Join us in the fellowship hall on April 10th .
Share you insights. Express your concerns.

CELEBRATE EASTER WITH THE RISING SUN



The Sunrise service will begin at 6:30am.
Dress warmly and bring a flashlight if you have one handy.
Directions: Starting at 6th (Hwy 51) and Western, take Hwy 51 west until you see the 2nd cemetery sign, ~ 10.7 miles. (If you get to route 86 going to Perry, you’ve gone too far.) Vasser road goes north (to the right) and there is a house close by. Just after the house (.25 miles) a dirt road goes off to the right again. Take this road back east (right) .8 miles (crossing a cattle guard) to the cemetery.

FROM YOUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Wow, it's almost time to welcome April! The outside is popping with new growth and warmer days and the excitement of Easter. Lent is a reflective, quieter time of the year, but we did give up "Not having coffee" during this season and it has been exciting to see people gathered around the tables and visiting. We've missed that fellowship with each other.

Altar in the Garden finished the first 4 week program (only needing to postpone 1 Sunday because of weather, but made it up the next) and in June the second 4 week program will begin. From everything I've heard all the adults attending loved it. It's an hour of time open to the community to experience God's world and know of his love. If you enjoy a meditative experience with music, a story and prayer, The Sunday Evening Service is at 5:00pm, and everyone is welcome to attend. A great way to prepare for the week.

The neighborhood Little Free Pantry is busy. Thrivent's "Live Generously" project awarded the pantry \$250 which has helped fill it along with donations from many of you. Seems popular items are peanut butter and jelly (individual servings and the small jars of peanut butter are appreciated), pull tab tuna or other meat products, small cans of pasta items, soup, fruit cups, sleeves of crackers, and granola bars. The pantry also has provided toilet paper, feminine products, and bars of soap, plus donated silverware packets from take-out meals and condiments. There is a basket by the Elm Street entrance for those items. Thanks, again to Nate Sahs for providing the pantry and he and his family for checking and stocking it. Donations are always appreciated and if you write a check just indicate it is for the pantry.

Looking forward to celebrating Easter morning with a Potluck Breakfast. Our youth are eager to get it set up and enjoy breakfast together, a loved Salem tradition. More details to come.

Stay safe, be well and hope to see you soon! Hugs,

Judy Lewis



Pastor Sally's Recommended devotion for Lent into Easter

Now the Green Blade Rises

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| 1 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green. | 3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
love is come again like wheat arising green. |
| 2 In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
thinking that he would never wake again;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
love is come again like wheat arising green. | 4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
love is come again like wheat arising green. |

April

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Salem is collecting food items for our Little Free Food Pantry as our Spring Service Project. Our bright orange free-standing pantry has been a busy site since it "opened." We replenish it several times a week with items we have in stock, but it varies depending on donations.



Little
Pantry

Based on our experience so far, the TOP TEN ITEMS are:

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| Granola bars | Individual serving-sized fruit cups |
| Instant Oatmeal | Pudding cups |
| Soup | Individual serving Chef Boyardee pastas |
| Lance/Keebler "sandwich" crackers (such as peanut butter filled crackers) | |
| Canned meats (tuna, chicken, Vienna sausages) | |
| Peanut butter, preferably in single-serve containers (Jif-to-Go) | |
| Crackers (Ritz and saltines, packaged in smaller serving sizes) | |

One thing we've learned is that we're not feeding families, so larger cans of vegetables and multi-serving items are not claimed. Items that can be eaten on-the-go or easily zapped in a microwave are best. And, although these aren't food items, individually-wrapped bars of soap, rolls of toilet paper, and feminine hygiene products, are good items to offer in our little pantry.

Visit the display table in the hallway next to the nursery to see examples of popular items and to drop off any items. You can also pick up a shopping list to take with you when you visit the grocery store. If you wish to make a cash donation, please write "Little Pantry" on the memo line of your check made payable to Salem.

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Lutheran Women's Missionary League of Zion Lutheran would like to invite the ladies of Salem to a Salad Supper on Tuesday, April 19 at 6:30 pm. We will start the evening with a short devotion and dinner, and follow this with entertainment by Carolyn Grissom. She will do a the story of Charles Lindbergh's wife.

If you are interested please call Beverly Bahr, president of Zion's LWML at 743-5690 or leave a message at Bevbah23@gmail.com so that we can plan for the amount of food and table set ups. We would love to see you and enjoy some fun fellowship! Our church is at 504 S Knoblock.

Blessings! Beverly Bahr

ADULT DISCUSSION CLASS

The first week in April the Adult Discussion Class will continue its deliberation of "Biblical Wisdom Literature" based on lectures by Professor Joseph Koterski from The Great Courses classes. After Easter we will begin a series of discussions on the book of Ecclesiastes

The topics for April's discussions will be:

- April 3rd – "Prayer in Times of Suffering"
- April 10th – Palm Sunday – No Class
- April 17th – Easter Sunday – No Class
- April 24th – "Qoheleth – The Inadequacy of Human Wisdom"



The Class will continue as a Zoom meeting at 11:00 AM on Sunday mornings following in-person worship at 9:30 AM. To be included in the Zoom link, please contact Pr. Sally (405-372-3074 or PastorSally@sbcglobal.net)

Join us for thoughtful discussions on the Biblical foundations of our faith.



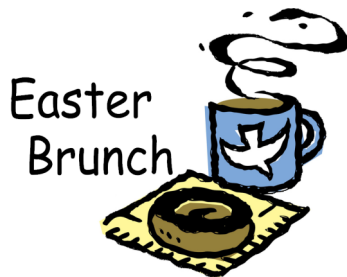
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Our Salem youth have asked to coordinate the **Easter brunch**. They will provide drinks and set up/clean up and are asking the membership to bring breakfast casseroles, breads, and fruit. (No pancakes or sausage this year.) Please sign up on the bulletin board nearest the kitchen.

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Friday, April 15, 1pm
Service Project

Saturday, April 15, 2pm,
Decorate the Cross &
Breakfast preparation/Set up

Easter Breakfast, Sunday, April 16
Serve and clean up.

Questions? Please contact Teri Sahs at 405-612-4485

