

The SEER

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

APRIL 2023



Worship during the Easter Season Sundays at 9:30am

April 2- Palm/Passion Sunday

April 6- Maundy Thursday, 7pm

April 7- Good Friday Service, 7pm

April 9- Easter
Sunrise at Cemetery, 6:45am
Salem Service 9:30am

April 16- 2nd Sunday in
Easter, ELW setting 4

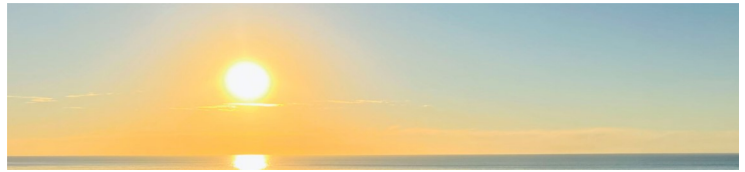
April 23- ELW setting 4

April 30- ELW setting 4

At Pr. Dawn's request, we will continue to wear **name tags** at least thru Easter, April 9th. If you haven't made her acquaintance, you might think of wearing one a bit longer.

CELEBRATE EASTER WITH THE RISING SUN

The Sunrise service will begin at 6:45am.



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.

Spring Clean up April 1, 9-12

It is time to refresh our landscape. **On Saturday, April 1 from 9am to 12pm** you are invited to participate in the care of the plants inside and out.

Among the opportunities are the placement of the potted plants inside the atrium, the gentle removal of dead stalks in the butterfly garden, trimming the bushes in the foundation plantings and removal of excess leaves and debris in the beds and parking lot. In the butterfly garden alone there are 30 different kinds of plants and many more varieties in the atrium and the landscape. Come and meet them all!

Bring gardening gloves and your favorite trimming tools.

All are welcome!
Annette and Rick Cowell



**SERVANT
SATURDAY**

It's time to put out the welcome mat!

Greetings friends!

Easter is nearly here. That means it's time to put out the welcome mat for members and friends we don't see often, and in some cases, haven't seen since COVID. It's also a time to invite friends and neighbors who will be blessed by the Salem community. Old friends and new ones vitalize our worship and our missions; and, in time, they make what we do already well even better. If each one of us invites one person or family to worship with us in the next few weeks, imagine what God can do.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. Romans 15:7

Here are some steps for inviting and welcoming members and friends.

- 1.** Pull out your directory and look for folks you haven't seen for a while. Pick out someone you might not know well and give them a call this week.
- 2.** Before you call, think about what you will say. You may need to re-introduce yourself. Then remind your friend of Holy Week and Easter and invite them to join us.
- 3.** Do they need a ride? Offer to pick them up. Invite them to sit with you once you arrive at Salem. In the case they don't need a ride, keep an eye out for them when they do arrive, greet them, and invite them to sit with you.
- 4.** Catch my eye and introduce them to me. "Pastor Dawn this is _____, and then tell me something about them. They used to sing in the choir, helped with VBS, etc.
- 5.** Once service is over, invite them to sit with you at coffee or brunch and invite others to greet your friend or guest.
- 6.** Before you leave the church, hand me a note or send me a text reminding me of your visitors, and I will gently reach out to them.
- 7.** On the Thursday following Sunday, reconnect with the person. Express how good it was to see them and invite them to worship with us again the next Sunday.

The next few weeks are opportunities to invite friends and neighbors to be blessed by the Salem community. This won't be difficult because I already know you are a warm and friendly congregation. You care about one another. There are members and friends in our community who need what we have to offer. They may be shy or lonely or even uncertain. They also have gifts that when combined with ours, will bring forth the Kingdom of God.

In Christ +
Pastor Dawn



(Editor's note: New directories are on the table in the library and the North entry.)

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

March 1, began with Pastor Dawn joining our Salem family as interim pastor. Her service, guidance, advice is valuable and again I am so grateful she is here. But as the month has progressed I have gone through several different emotions. Before Pastor Dawn arrived I kept saying we need to wait till she arrives to make decisions, but changes are hard, even little ones and I found myself feeling protective, defensive, excited, grieving, sometimes all at once as any change was discussed. I love and am so proud of Salem and all of you. We adapt, we continue to worship together, we enjoy our fellowship time together, our ministries continue to function and we grow. Our giving might have been down a little last month, but usually it gets made up the next. And speaking of money, last month I mentioned items either cut from or not funded by the budget that you could support as you are able. Thanks to all of you who were able to do it.

The Reconciling in Christ (RIC) ministry continues to meet and have decided they want to meet twice a month. The next meeting will be Friday, March 31st from 11:30-1:00, bring your lunch if your schedule requires or you're just hungry. Then in April the schedule will be 2nd and 4th Fridays, 11:30-1:00 and that schedule will continue. Everyone is invited to join us at any time as we explore what it means to accept everyone and that includes people that don't look like us, different color, different gender identification, handicapped, and the list continues. I believe Jesus says love and welcome everyone, but have had to check myself a few times and remember he says all people. We realize we are still only a small percent of the congregation and are also looking at the best way to share information. Please share your thoughts with anyone you might know that is part of this ministry. If not sure and you're at coffee hour, just ask if anyone at the table knows about it, I'm sure someone will. During the Synod Assembly, May 5-7, the delegates will vote on becoming an RIC Synod, but that doesn't mean we become an RIC church, that is something we will vote on at some point when we feel ready.

With Palm Sunday and Easter almost here, I am so happy to say we will have palms on Palm Sunday, the Easter Cross will be decorated on Saturday, March 8th and plastic Easter Eggs will be filled. Easter Sunday is always a joyous day followed by the Easter Brunch and good fellowship and the Easter egg hunt for our young members. I hope the pews are full as we celebrate our Lord.

Blessings and hugs to all of you.

Judy Lewis



**We heard from
Helen Jordan!**



She wanted to thank everyone for the blanket that was sent with her as she moved to Virginia.

She misses everyone and enjoyed being a member at Salem but she feels the move has been a good one. She's enjoying seeing more of her family.

If you would like to contact her, you can still reach her at her old Stillwater cell number. The new address is

1114 N AUGUSTA ST, Apt.1024
STAUNTON VA 24401-3221

If you'd like to watch our service on-line, you can find it on

Salem Facebook Page, live:

"Salem Lutheran Church"

Salem YouTube channel:

"Salem ELC Stillwater OK"

If you would like to have the link and a copy of the service and homily sent to you on Mondays, please email Lisa in the office- salemelc@sbcglobal.net

Adult Discussion Class is at 11:15am. Contact the office if you aren't receiving the Zoom link.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League of Zion Lutheran would like to invite the ladies of Salem for some fun fellowship at a Salad Supper on Tuesday, April 18 at 6:00 pm- 504 S Knoblock.

Bring your Bibles to enjoy an interactive presentation by Melissa and Talleri Beck on their recent visit to the Holy Land.



If you are interested please

RSVP to Susan Tobin at 307-630-5008 by April 11, so that there are the right amount of food and table set ups.



Our Little Free Food Pantry is being replenished several times a week, so there's always a need.

The TOP TEN ITEMS are:

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| Granola bars | Instant Oatmeal/ small cereal boxes |
| Individual fruit cups | Beanie Weenies/Chef Boyardee pastas |
| Soup | Raman |
| 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) | |



Items that can be eaten on-the-go or easily zapped in a microwave are being picked up. Family sized items aren't being claimed. Individually-wrapped bars of soap, rolls of toilet paper, tooth brush/paste, laundry pods and feminine hygiene products, are also good items for us to have available.. If you wish to make a cash donation, please write "Little Pantry" on the memo line of your check made payable to Salem. Items may be dropped off at the pantry shelves located in the north Narthex.

ADULT Sunday School

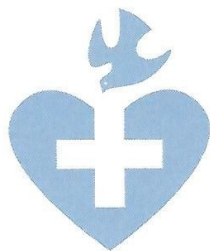
The Adult Discussion Class is an on-line zoom meeting at 11:15 AM on Sundays. Terry Gipson is sending out the weekly reminder with the Zoom address. If you wish to receive the notice contact Terry at (terry.gipson@gmail.com).

During April the discussions will continue to be based on lectures from Great Courses "The History of Christian Theology" by Professor Phillip Cary.

The schedule for April's discussions is:

- April 2nd – Palm Sunday – No Class
- April 9th – Easter Sunday – No Class
- April 16th– "The Uses of Philosophy"
- April 23rd– "The Doctrine of the Trinity"
- April 30th– "The Doctrine of the Incarnation"

Everyone is welcome to join us for thoughtful discussions on the foundations of our faith.



Salem Lutheran Church
is praying for you this week.

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APRIL BLESSINGS

Birthdays

- 17 Claire Tipling
- 18 Brooklyn Mueller
- 19 Marvin Shiever
- 25 Krystal Hennessey
- 27 Izzie Reitan
- 29 Ty Reitan
- 30 Pam Talley

Anniversaries

- 24 Shelley & Keith Schmidt



The April 5th Sunday collection on April 30th will be for disaster relief, splitting contributions between Lutheran Disaster Relief and American Red Cross.

On the Sundays after Easter, we will be praying for two individuals or families in the congregation each week. Those receiving prayers will be mailed a prayer card. Pastor Dawn will offer special prayers for these members and friends daily throughout the week, and we encourage members of the congregation to include them in their daily prayers, as well.



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MINISTRY STAFF

Interim Pastor ~ Dawn Enderwood
Director of Music ~ Krystal Hennessey
Choir Director ~ Elizabeth Albright
Office Coordinator ~ Lisa Murray-Francis
Parish Nurse ~ Cindy Pennie
Media Specialists ~ Olie Weaver,
Olen Weaver & Jeremy Hennessey
Peer Minister- Aspen Lenning

CHURCH OFFICE

Hours: Monday thru Thursday 8am-1pm
Friday- 9 - 11am

Telephone numbers: 405-372-3074,
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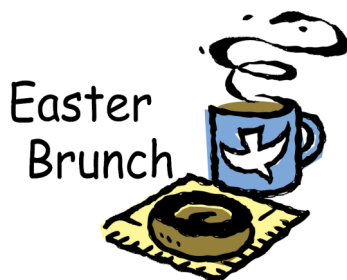
Email Address: salemelc@sbcglobal.net

Church Website: salemstillwaterok.org

Holy Week Notes

Our Community Holy Week worship services will be held Monday-Friday, April 3-7, 12:10-12:50pm. First Presbyterian Church has graciously agreed to host our services in their sanctuary and the Cimmaron Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is providing the music for worship. Please join us as we express our unity in Christ Jesus during this holy season.

Saturday, April 8, 2pm,
Decorate the Cross &
Fill eggs for Easter Hunt



Please sign up to bring breakfast casseroles, breads, and fruit to the Easter brunch after the 9:30 service. (There won't be pancakes or sausage this year.) The sign up is on the bulletin board nearest the kitchen- next to the flower calendar.