

The SEER

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

MARCH & APRIL 2024



SUNDAYS

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

The service can also be found on our Facebook
Page: Salem Lutheran Church

Sunday afternoon, you can find it
on our YouTube channel:
Salem ELC Stillwater OK.

Adult Discussion Class is at 11am
on ZOOM or in -person.

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.

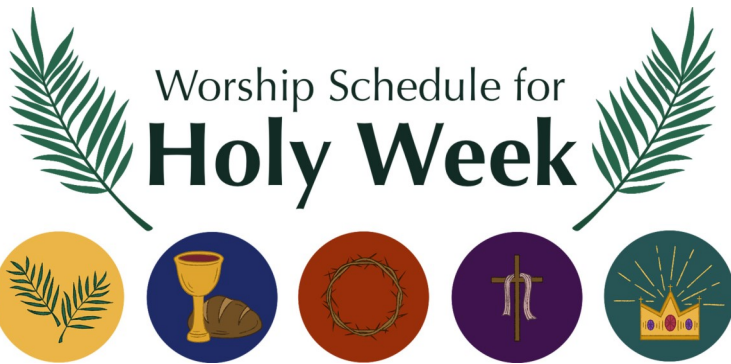
If you would like a copy of the service to sing/worship along or a copy of the Daily Devotions, contact the office to have one mailed or emailed.

6pm for our Soup Supper and 7pm for our Service

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

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

Lenten materials and Daily devotions await you at Salem. The building is open on Sundays and Jocelyn is here during Office Hours Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs 8am-11am. If you don't have a key, please call ahead and let her know you are coming. Please come to the doors by the office, so she can watch for you.



Worship Schedule for Holy Week

Sunday March 24 Palm Sunday 9:30am (Gather in the Parish Hall)

Thursday, March 28 Maundy Thursday at 7pm

Friday, March 29 Good Friday Tenebrae at 7pm

Saturday, March 30, 2pm Campus Ministry decorates the outdoor Easter Cross and fills Easter eggs

Sunday, March 31

6:45am – Sunrise Service at Salem Cemetery

9:30am - Festival Worship at Salem

10:45am – Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Brunch

All church services will be recorded and posted.

Greetings all,



Easter is coming and Salem's plants need some help getting ready. Spring refresh day is planned for March 16, 9 to noon and the entire congregation is invited. If the weather is inclement the event will be postponed to the following Saturday.

Bring family and friends, garden gloves and your favorite tools. We will remove last years growth from the butterfly garden and apply new mulch. The irrigation systems will be tested and bushes in the foundation landscape will be trimmed. Inside plants can be re-potted and supplies for caring for the atrium can be prepared for the year. Other projects will be added as time allows.

Thanks for caring for Salem-- inside and out.
Annette and Rick



Directions to the Cemetery for Easter Sunday:

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 (right) and there is a house close by. Just after the house (.25 miles) a dirt road goes off to the right. Take this road back east .8 miles (crossing a cattle guard) until you get to the cemetery which is on the left.

Dress warmly and bring a flashlight if you have one handy.

While Lisa is out, Elaine Ackerson is checking out our *credit cards*.

If you have need of a card, please see her or feel free to get a no-tax form from Jocelyn and turn in your receipt to be reimbursed.

Council News- From Your President

Spring is in the air. Seems to be early this year as Easter is March 31st.

So many things are going on at Salem right now. The Buildings and Grounds Ministry is working so hard to get everything spruced up in our building and the surrounding grounds. This group consist of a great group of people and we should all give them our support on the designated clean-up day on March 16th if you are able. The Task Force for the Homeless is coming together and they have had their first meeting and are in the process of identifying their priorities and a plan of action. There has been a revival of the Mutual Ministry and they are working through the procedures and policies of the Salem organization. Worship and Music have worked hard to prepare for Lent, Easter, and the absence of Lisa for a couple of months. Service is continuing their efforts to serve some of the needs of our neighbors. Including the offering of letters for Bread for the World on March 17th following Worship and the designation of the fifth Sunday donations for the Tanzania Mission Trip on March 31st.



WE ARE HIS HOUSE.

HEBREWS 3:6

Salem has received our certification from the national Reconciling in Christ organization. RIC has had this certificate framed and it is located on the wall as you enter the building from the east parking lot. The Call Committee has submitted Salem's Ministry Site Profile to the Bishop. Now we wait for the Bishop to match us with possible candidates. We will have Holy Week as usual. Pastor Joshua Johnson will lead us on Palm Sunday and Pastor Peter Olson, Assistant to the Bishop will be here of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. The Easter Sunrise service at the cemetery will be led by Lay people. There is so much going on and the above are just the ones I have highlighted. The council would like to thank everyone who is working so hard to keep Salem moving forward. We would also like to thank Lisa for all the hard work she has put into preparing us for her absence.

Pam Talley

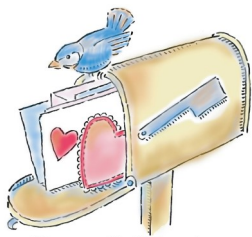
Hi,

As I will be gone in March and April, I'm hoping you all can help keep the building safe and clean. If you are here in the evening, even if others are here, would you please....

- 1) Walk the building and check that the doors are all locked. The main doors are the northwest, Elm St. entry, the Kitchen/Parish Hall doors, the main hallway door and the doors leading to the offices.*
- 2) All of the outside lights for those doors should be on. (Outside light switch is the far right one)*
- 3) For the inside lights, with the exception of the north hallway light, and any one of the long tube lights in the alcove in ceiling of the Parish Hall all of the security lights are always on. They don't have on/off switches. So if you find a light that has to be switched on, please turn it off.*
- 4) Please make sure that the dishwasher is run if it's over 2/3 full and that the sinks and countertops are wiped clean.*



Jocelyn Aguilar, my sub, will be checking everything Monday-Thursday mornings as she leaves. A repeat evening check is essential. Thank you! Lisa



Our Offering of Letters

Sunday, March 17 will be the day for our annual Offering of Letters. We are advocating for programs to end hunger. There will be a very brief meeting during coffee hour to update the status of legislation and outline how to communicate

with your elected representatives. Space, writing materials, and postage will be provided to write letters. We also have information for those who prefer email.

For info contact Tricia Auberle 405.990.5658.

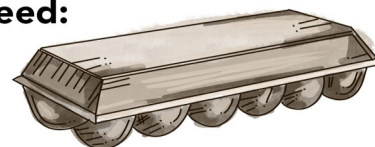
New INSIDE



Geodes look plain on the outside but contain beautiful crystals. Create these "rocks" to show how God makes us new on the inside.

What you need:

- Clean cardboard egg carton
- Scissors (and adult help)
- Epsom salt
- Plastic zippered bags (one per color of dye)
- Food coloring
- Glue
- Paintbrush



What you do:

1. Cut out the tops and bottoms of all the egg compartments so you can make 6 ball shapes.
2. In each bag, put 3 tablespoons of Epsom salt and a drop or two of food coloring. Seal and shake to mix.
3. With the paintbrush, spread glue inside two egg-carton halves. Sprinkle a spoonful of Epsom salt into those halves. Then close and shake.
4. Open your homemade geode and shake out excess salt.
5. Optional: Preserve the crystals with a coat of clear-drying glue.

Salem is praying

The Transition Prayer Team not only offers prayers for the call process and changes we are facing, but also for all who are in need in our world, our community, and our congregation. We continue to pray for concerns voiced on Sunday morning.

We are happy to add additional needs to our prayers. Things that you do not want to share publicly during Sunday service can be left anonymously in the prayer room, located upstairs in the northeast corner of the classroom area. Simply write it on a piece of paper and affix it to the wires on the west wall (paper, pencils, and tiny clothes pins are available).

We also invite you to visit Salem's prayer room if you want a place to pray that is more intimate than the nave (NOTE: we are so sorry that the room is not very accessible.) Please feel free to put your request in the offering plate or speak to Salem Nurse Cindy Pennie, who prepares the weekly prayer list.





MARCH

Birthdays and Anniversaries

2	Judy Lewis	15	Lela Merkel	11	Jason Lavery & Susanne Weinberger
4	Pat Roark		Jeff Tipling	24	Jeanette & Everett Johnson
7	Anna Long	17	Everett Johnson	25	Trey & Michelle Ratzlaff
9	Olen Weaver		Denzil Carney		
		27	Kelley Knapp		



APRIL

Birthdays and Anniversaries

17	Claire Tipling	27	Izzie Reitan	24	Shelley & Keith Schmidt
18	Brooklyn Mueller	29	Ty Reitan		
19	Marvin Shiever	30	Pam Talley		
25	Krystal Hennessey				

Blessed are you

The Beatitudes receive little attention, lamented novelist Kurt Vonnegut. "But, often with tears in their eyes, [Christians] demand that the Ten Commandments be posted in public buildings. And, of course, that's Moses, not Jesus. I haven't heard [anyone] demand that the Sermon on the Mount, the Beatitudes, be posted anywhere."

Jesus' Beatitudes have much to teach about selflessness, mourning, peacemaking and more. Jim Berger, author of *Being Sermon on the Mount Christians*, explains that those teachings were once "viewed as a mandate for the faithful." Post-Reformation, they became less law-like and more of a "liberating directive." Berger writes, "For Jesus, being and doing are inseparable. The Sermon is at once theory and application. It is not enough to read it or hear it. Jesus intends it to be how we live."





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Project De-Clutter, March 2024-May 2024

Our Church home is beautiful and has been lovingly maintained since it was dedicated in 1956. To continue this tradition the Building and Grounds ministry has been exploring Salem and looking at areas where repairs and maintenance are needed. As ministry members wandered through the entire building they were impressed at the accumulation of “stuff” in exposed and hidden spaces throughout our building. Stuff includes upholstery fabric in cabinets and book shelves, florescent bulbs of many sizes in many rooms, trays from departed refrigerators, many tape players in many rooms and boxes of financial and archival documents in rooms from any decade.

Over the next three months we need your help with PROJECT DE-CLUTTER. We ask you to work with a partner and relocate, re-home or store in appropriate spaces materials **you have used while participating in the ministries of the church**. After those items have been moved then a church wide de-clutter day will be scheduled when the items remaining will be organized, labeled and neatly stored for easy access.

Thank you for your help! Building and Grounds Ministry