

Salem Lutheran Ministries m e s s e n g e r



APRIL 2017

April Events...

April 2—LWML Bake Sale—after each worship service
Benefits getting new items for the Nursery

April 4—Pre-School 4-year-olds Circus—Family Life Center—
9:30am—Dress Rehearsal, 7:00pm—Program

April 5—Lent 6 Service—Church (English), Family Life Center (Spanish) - 7:00pm

April 8—Easter Festival/Egg Hunt—Family Life Center
2:00 to 4:00pm

April 9—Palm Sunday—8:00am service w/Communion, 10:30am bi-lingual service in the church—
both with procession of palms

April 9-14—Holy Week

April 13—Maundy Thursday Service w/Communion—7:00pm—Church

April 14—Good Friday—Services at noon and 7:00pm—Church (English)
Good Friday Service—7:00pm—FLC (Spanish)
Pre-School Closed

April 16—Easter Sunday
Service w/Communion—8:00am
Breakfast (sponsored by our Youth) - 9:30—10:15am—F. Hall
NO Bible Study or Sunday School
Arise Service w/Communion—10:30—FLC
Cristo Para Todos Service—10:30—Church

April 22 —LWML Zone Rally—Bella Vista Lutheran Church—9:00am

April 26—Administrative Professional's Day

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Sunday Morning Worship

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Sunday School

9:15 am

Adult Bible Classes

9:30 am

Cristo Para Todos Worship Service

10:30 am





Dear Friends in Christ,

The idea that there is only one God, and only one way to get to this God, runs contrary to many people in today's diverse, tolerant, and more accepting society. To say that one's religion is the only true religion would be considered by many as discrimination against other religions and the people that follow them. We are told through the media that all discrimination is bad for our society so we should be accepting of all religions, beliefs, or philosophies as having equal value, otherwise, we will be accused of bigotry.

But we shouldn't really be surprised that many are offended by a literal interpretation of Jesus' words, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6-7) But this is God's message to the world that he loves us and wants us to be his children for eternity. This is also our message to the world even though many will reject it. It is important that we share why Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life and not be ashamed of this beautiful message of God's grace.

How is Jesus the way? Jesus is the only one who could meet God's just demands. God himself had to come to our rescue through His Son Jesus Christ to offer himself upon the cross to pay the price for our sins. What looked like a victory for Satan was God's way to defeat sin, death, and the power of the devil once and for all. Christ's resurrection to life is proof that he was successful in meeting God's justice and it is also a proclamation to the world that in Christ the whole world has been declared righteous in God's sight. No other religion can make this claim.

How is Jesus the truth? John 3:16-18 summarizes everything. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. "The truth, like it or not, is that all have sinned and deserve eternal death, but by the grace of God are declared as righteous through faith in the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus. (Romans 3:21-25)

And how is Jesus the life? Jesus himself at Lazarus' tomb spoke these words to give comfort to his sister Martha: "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25-27) Jesus alone, as our resurrected Lord and Savior, is able to give us the promise of eternal life. And it is only through the power of the Holy Spirit that we have the possibility of believing in this most beautiful promise.

God's message of love in Christ Jesus may seem discriminatory and offensive to some, but it is God's message of salvation to those who will come to believe. May we be so bold in sharing this good news! Invite someone to join you for worship during Holy Week as we will journey from the upper room, to the cross, and to the empty tomb on Easter Sunday. Christ has risen! He has risen indeed! Alleluia!

In Christ's love,
Pastor Mark

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Adult Bible Studies

Sunday Morning Bible Study begins at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Studies led by Pastor Krause and Dan Bierwagen, meeting in the Fellowship Hall and a classroom.

Children’s Sunday School Classes begin at 9:15am.

The **Tuesday Morning Bible Study Group** meets at 9:30am and is studying the **Book of Matthew/The Beatitudes**. They meet in the Fellowship Hall.

The **Tuesday Evening Bible study group**, led by Ron Knapp and Bryan Gordley, is studying **“A Man Named Martin”**. Part 1 will end on April 4 and Part 2 will begin in May.

The **Men’s Bible Study Group** meets on Wednesday mornings at 7:30 in the Meeting Room. They are studying the **Book of Romans**. Led by Pastor Krause.

The **Women’s Bible Study Group** is studying **“Joy Beyond Agony”**. They meet on Wednesday mornings at 9:15 in the Meeting Room.

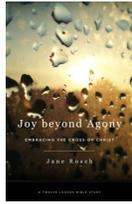
Our Neighbor’s Faith will meet on April 23 at 5:00pm. Place TBA.

Rockies (Campus Ministry) They meet each Wednesday evening at 6:30pm at the Rockhouse in Fayetteville.

Twice Fed Twice Fed will meet on Tuesday, April 18, at 9:30am to watch the movie, **“Risen”**. They meet in the FLC.

Bible Studies and Other Topics

Wednesday Morning Women’s Bible Study



They meet on Wednesdays at 9:15am in the meeting room. They began a new study, **“Joy Beyond Agony”**. All ladies are invited to attend.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study



The **Tuesday Morning Bible Study Group** meets at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Their study is based on the **Book of Matthew/Beatitudes**. Contact Bert Neely if questions.

Twice Fed—“Risen”



Roman military tribune Clavius (Joseph Fiennes) remains set in his ways after serving 25 years in the army. He arrives at a crossroad when he’s tasked to investigate the mystery of what happened to Jesus (Cliff Curtis) following the Crucifixion.

Accompanied by trusted aide Lucius (Tom Felton), his quest to disprove rumors of a risen Messiah makes him question his own beliefs and spirituality. As his journey takes him to places never dreamed of, Clavius discovers the truth that he’s been seeking.

Plan to come and watch this movie on Tuesday, April 18, at 9:30am in the Family Life Center.

Rockhouse—Campus Ministry



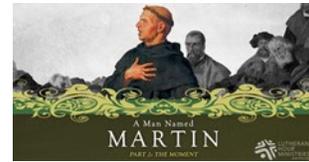
College students meet every Wednesday evening at the Rockhouse on the U of A campus. They begin with a meal and then enjoy fellowship and Bible Study.

We are trying to fill dates for meals at the Rockhouse for the remainder of the Spring semester.

We need meals for: April 5, 12, 19, and 26
If you would like more information about Campus Ministry or would like to supply a meal, please contact Lori Smith at 841-

7934 or check out the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the church lobby.

Bible Study



The Tuesday Evening Bible Study will finish Part 1 of A Man Named

Martin—The Man on Tuesday, April 4, then there will be a short break and Part 2—A Man Named Martin—The Moment will resume in May—actual dates TBD. This study will be facilitated by Bryan Gordley.

Easter Lilies



Easter Sunday is April 16th! We would like to bring beauty to our church services by placing Easter lilies in our Sanctuary and Family Life Center area. Lilies will be

\$13.00 each.

A form may be found on the desk in the lobby area, on the table in the FLC, or in your bulletin announcements. Fill out and with your money place in the offering or place on the secretary’s desk. If questions, please call the church office at 751-9359. Make out checks to Salem Lutheran Ministries and designate for lilies. Deadline to order is April 9th.

Lilies may be given in memory of someone or to the glory of God.

Other News

LWML NEWS AND NOTES FOR APRIL 2017



A reminder that the **April LWML** meeting had been **changed** from the second Tuesday, (**April 11**) to the first Tuesday (**April 4**). This is because the second Tuesday occurs during

Holy Week.

LWML will be having a **bake sale, Sunday April 2**. Baked items will be offered after both the 8:00 and 10:30 worship services. Proceeds will go toward **refurbishing the church nursery**.

The **Northwest Arkansas Zone Spring Rally** will be on Saturday, April 22, 2017. The Bella Vista Lutheran LWML will be the host. The Theme is based on Isaiah 61:11, "For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations." The In-Gathering is for bathroom tissue for Shepherds Food Pantry. All ladies are invited to attend for a day of Bible Study, an inspiring message and fellowship. Contact a LWML member if you would like to attend.

The recipe for this month is one of Elaine McKinney's signature pot luck dishes! It is **Frog Eye Salad!** Actually it is hard to say if it is a salad or a dessert. Either way it is so delicious! It is a perfect addition to your Spring and Summer meals.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Bake Sale – April 2, 2017 – after each Worship Service

Next meeting – April 4, 2017 – 5:30 in Meeting Room beside the Nursery

Northwest Arkansas Zone LWML Rally – April 22, 2017 – Bella Vista Lutheran Church

Frog Eye Salad

Ingredients:

3/4 cup sugar	1 cup Acini Di Pepe pasta
1 Tbsp. flour	2 cans (11 oz) mandarin oranges
1/2 tsp. salt	1 20 oz can pineapple tidbits
2/3 cup pineapple juice	1 20 oz can crushed pineapple
1 egg, beaten	1 can fruit cocktail
1 tsp. lemon juice	

1 8oz carton whipped topping - regular or light
1 cup miniature marshmallows - white or colored

Drain all fruits, reserving 3/4 c. pineapple juice for sauce.

In small saucepan mix sugar, flour and salt. Stir in pineapple juice and egg. Cook over moderate heat, stirring constantly until thickened. THEN add lemon

juice. Set aside and cool. (I put it in a large popcorn bowl for mixing). Cook Acini Di Pepe according to package directions. Combine cooked mixture with Acini Di Pepe. Place in refrigerator until chilled.

Add drained fruit to mixture. Lightly mix in whipped topping and marshmallows. Chill at least 1 hour before serving. Transfer to a salad bowl for serving.

Recipe may be varied by changing fruit, adding coconut, nuts, or other garnishes.

WARNING: This salad is addictive. It keeps well for several days, unless you sit in front of the TV with the bowl and a spoon.

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For a minimum of \$25 you can start an LCEF account for your children or grandchildren entitled "Young Investors Club". For a minimum of \$100 you can start an account for yourself entitled "StewardAccount". If you already have an account and have just transferred to Salem from another LCMS church, please make sure your LCEF account is transferred too. **We have, as of this writing, 87 LCEF accounts and need a total of 166 child or adult applications to lower our interest rate on our mortgage.** If interested in enrollment, see forms on the desk in the lobby area, or on the table in the FLC, or contact Jon Lindeman, Chris Clark or the church office.

Rockhouse



Kim Cooper, Caio Pinheiro and Mateo Durán Campos

Stewardship Corner



Without Easter, Jesus would not be raised from the dead. Without Easter death would still reign, we would still be in our trespasses and sins, and our faith and hope would be in vain. But Jesus is raised from the dead. Easter changes everything. It makes all things new. Therefore, darkness is overcome with light, wrath with peace, fear with hope, angst with rest, sadness with joy, hatred with love, sin with righteousness, and death with life. Easter changes everything, redefines everything, determines everything. Easter makes all things new.

Thus, Easter also changes our attitude about giving. For if God gave us His own Son into death so that we will live, how will He not give us everything else we need? He will, and He does. He provides for us. He even gives us the gifts that we give back to Him for service in the church. Easter demonstrates that we have a God who loves us, a God who provides for us, a God who presses us into His service, a God who has made us new in the death and resurrection of His Son.

For when you give to the church, you pass along those things that God alone has given to you. You pass along the message to others that Easter changes everything and makes all things new, even as it has done this for you. This is not a burden, but pure joy. For God has given you a part in the administration of His kingdom. He provides for the needy through your hands. He ensures that the Gospel is preached and the Sacraments are given out through the work of your hands and in the gifts that you give. And He honors and blesses this work and generosity as it rebounds to those around you.

So when you sit down on the first day of the week to make your offering to the place where Easter is proclaimed and where the gifts of Easter are given out, remember: Easter changes everything. It makes all things new. More than that: Easter has changed you and made you new. Because Jesus who was crucified for our transgressions is raised for our justification.

Marriage Retreat at Cedar Lodge, Bella Vista, AR



It was very informative and we all had a wonderful time of fellowship!

Worship Themes for April



Fifth Sunday in Lent—April 2, 2017—“I AM the Resurrection”

AS WE GATHER

Accounts of life coming out of death are found throughout the Bible. In the Old Testament, there is the story of the Valley of Dry Bones, which is celebrated in a familiar spiritual song that ends with this refrain: “Now hear the word of the Lord!” Our Lord Jesus Christ has words for us to hear—important, eternal words. In today’s Gospel we hear Him say: “I am the resurrection and the life!” Life came out of death for Lazarus and, by God’s gracious action, it does for us as well.

OLD TESTAMENT READING—*Ezekiel 37:1–14*—(Life is restored in the Valley of Dry Bones.)

EPISTLE—*Romans 8:1–11*—(Life in the Spirit through Christ)

HOLY GOSPEL—*John 11:17–27, 38–44* - (Lazarus is restored to life by Jesus.)

Palm Sunday—April 9, 2017—“The Suffering King”

AS WE GATHER

This day is called Palm Sunday. The service begins with a processional order—commemorating King Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey. There He is beheld and welcomed by worshipers who have paved His pathway both with palm branches and articles of their clothing, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!” Similarly, we wave our own palm branches with which we proclaim the glory, laud, and honor due our blessed Savior, who comes among us in His Word and Sacraments.

OLD TESTAMENT READING—*Zechariah 9:9–12*—(Rejoice, Jerusalem, your king comes to you.)

EPISTLE—*Philippians 2:5–11*—(“He became obedient to death.”)

HOLY GOSPEL—*John 12:12–19*—(Palm Sunday Procession)

The Resurrection of Our Lord—Easter Day—April 16, 2017—“Living in the Power of the Resurrection”

AS WE GATHER

Easter is the queen of feasts. As Paul reminded us, “If Christ has not been raised . . . your faith is in vain” (1 Corinthians 15:14). “If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied” (v. 19). Yet it is a struggle for us to keep our Easter faith for more than a Sunday or a season. We are daily bombarded by sin and its death, by temptation and its doubt, by hopelessness and its despair. This is why we follow the events of our Lord’s life in the Church Year, which reaches its climax in the resurrection of our Lord. We are not who we were. We have been raised in Christ to live new lives. Putting Him first, this begins with the joyful affirmation of Christ’s own victory and our appropriation of that victory to our own lives by faith. This joy compels us to share with others what we have received.

OLD TESTAMENT READING—*Jeremiah 31:1–6*—(I have loved you with an everlasting love.)

EPISTLE—*Colossians 3:1–4*—(If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above.)

HOLY GOSPEL—*Matthew 28:1–10*—(He is not here; He has arisen.)

Second Sunday of Easter—April 23, 2017—“JESUS LIVES! Witness the Truth!”

AS WE GATHER

Like Thomas we often depend on our senses to drive our responses in life. However, when it comes to our relationship with our Risen Savior, it is faith built on God’s Word and Promises that drives our witness to the truth: Jesus Lives!

FIRST READING—*Acts 5:29–42*—(The apostles preach boldly in the face of opposition.)

EPISTLE—*1 Peter 1:3–9*—(Rejoice in your faith as it is tested.)

HOLY GOSPEL—*John 20:19–31*—(Thomas needed to see Jesus to believe.)

Worship Themes continued...

Third Sunday of Easter—April 30, 2017—“Who Knew?”

AS WE GATHER

It took the resurrection to reveal God’s eternal plans to save the fallen human race. Who among the people of Jerusalem knew that “this Jesus whom you crucified” (Acts 2:36) would be Lord and Christ? Who knew that it would take His blood to pay for our sins—as Peter reveals in the Epistle. And how could the disciples on the road to Emmaus understand that their guest was Jesus, risen from the dead, until He revealed Himself in the breaking of the bread? We would also be clueless were it not for the grace of God in revealing His plan of salvation to us and working faith in our hearts to believe it. To Him be the glory forever!

FIRST READING—*Acts 2:14a, 36–41*—(Repent and be baptized.)

EPISTLE—*1 Peter 1:17–25*—(Since you have been born again, love one another.)

HOLY GOSPEL—*Luke 24:13–35*—Jesus is recognized in the breaking of the bread.)

Lenten Service/Holy Week Themes

Sixth Mid-Week Lenten Service—April 5, 2017—**Catechetical Series: The Ten Commandments**—Commandment Four

AS WE GATHER

Our heavenly Father blesses us with earthly fathers and mothers through whom He does His life-giving and life-sustaining work. Many times we take our parents and other authority figures for granted; sometimes we even despise and anger them. However, the Fourth Commandment reminds us to see them as blessings from the good and gracious hand of the Lord. The ways in which we honor and cherish them reflects how we, as God’s children, fear, love, and trust in Him above all things. Jesus shows us what life according to the Fourth Commandment looks like, and He promises grace and every blessing to every member of the family who trusts in Him.

EPISTLE—*Colossians 3:12–21*—(Love and forgiveness in the Christian family)

HOLY GOSPEL—*Luke 2:41–52*—(Jesus is submissive to His parents.)

Maundy Thursday—April 13, 2017—“Give Me Some Rest” - **Catechetical Series: The Ten Commandments**—Commandment Three

AS WE GATHER

Holy Thursday begins three services that form a single unit spanning three days. It is called the Triduum. We begin with the New Testament of our Lord’s body and blood. Here our Lord fulfills what came before, delivers to us His own flesh and blood, and anticipates the marriage feast of the Lamb without end, which is to come.

The command to keep the Sabbath Day holy has been transformed. Our Lord has delivered to us the New Testament of His body and blood and the foretaste of the feast to come. Luther reminds us that to keep this commandment is not to despise the preaching of His Word but gladly to hear and learn it. Tonight this preaching is set before us in bread, which is Christ’s body, and wine, which is His blood. The whole commandment takes on new meaning in the pledge and promise of Christ to give Himself as food for His people—heavenly food that forgives, strengthens, and assures us that we are His and He is ours.

OLD TESTAMENT READING—*Exodus 24:3–11*—(Moses seals the covenant with the blood of sacrifice upon the people.)

EPISTLE—*Hebrews 9:11–22*—(Christ, our High Priest, is the mediator of a new covenant and this covenant is also sealed to us in blood.)

HOLY GOSPEL—*Matthew 26:17–30*—Christ desires to celebrate the Passover with His disciples and fulfills it, while at the same time making it new with the gift of His own flesh and blood as our true, spiritual food.)

Holy Week Themes continued...

Good Friday Noon—April 14, 2017—"The Name That Saves" - **Catechetical Series: The Ten Commandments**
Commandment Two

AS WE GATHER

From Holy Thursday, we move to Good Friday, the second part of the three-day Triduum service. This is the most solemn day of the Church Year—the day on which we recall the death that saves us. On this day, we remember that God gave us His name as His word and bond. The saving name of God is Jesus, the incarnate Son of God who walked obediently under the Law, delivered Himself up to the suffering and death of the cross, and made salvation available for all who wear that name by Baptism and faith. Luther reminds us that the name of God was given to us to be the name we call upon in prayer and the name we raise in worship and praise. Jesus' death fulfills the commandment's promise and makes His name the source of all our hopes of redemption—but not for us only! He died for all that those who live should not live for themselves but for Him.

OLD TESTAMENT READING—*Isaiah 52:13–53:12*—(Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.)

EPISTLE—*Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9*—(Although the Son of God, Jesus learned obedience through suffering.)

Good Friday Evening—April 14, 2017—Tenebrae: Service of Darkness

AS WE GATHER

The Good Friday Tenebrae helps us experience the time of darkness that occurred during Jesus' crucifixion. The Tenebrae (Latin for "darkness") is a worship service observed during Holy Week to impress upon us the horrifying consequences of our sin and the magnitude of our Savior's sacrifice for us. Candles are extinguished to remind us of the darkness of that day and the darkness of our sinful world. Tonight, we use seven candles as we remember Jesus' seven last words from the cross. The removal of the Christ Candle near the end of the Tenebrae signifies the death of Jesus. The loud sound—the *strepitus*—represents the closing of the tomb. However, we do not leave in total darkness. The return of the Christ Candle reminds us that death is not the end of Jesus, nor the end of us. We depart in both silence and confidence, knowing that the light of Easter will soon scatter the darkness of Good Friday.

FIRST WORD—*Luke 23:32–35*—"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.")

SECOND WORD—*Luke 23:39–43*—"Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.")

THIRD WORD—*John 19:19–27*—"Woman, behold, your son!" "Behold, your mother!")

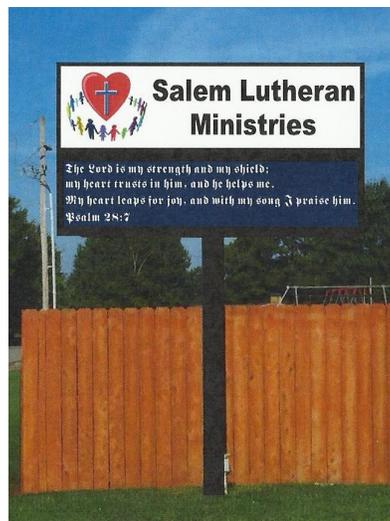
FOURTH WORD—*Mark 15:33–36*—"My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?")

FIFTH WORD—*John 19:28–29*—"I thirst.")

SIXTH WORD—*John 19:30*—"It is finished.")

SEVENTH WORD—*Luke 23:44–49*—"Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit!")

Sign Update



We have enough funding to go forward with the order and purchase of the digital sign. The Board of Directors gave the approval to purchase the digital sign to be placed on the pole near the school at this time and wait until funds are available to replace the wooden monument sign on the corner with a new lighted sign. When we have the additional \$10,840.00 needed to purchase the monument sign we can then go forward to update that sign. Gifts can be given to the sign account.

Salem Lutheran School News



- Spring has sprung! April has welcomed in the warmer weather and more days outside on the playground running off that winter energy!
 - We are at present time enrolling preschool children for the fall session. Please spread the word about our amazing program! If you or someone you know is looking for a loving, quality Christian school, please contact Kris Busch for enrollment forms.
 - National Lutheran School's Week was March 6-10. We had a fun and wonderful week showing school spirit and dressing in crazy themes, sharing snacks with moms and dads, and book fair fun! A very special afternoon was shared with our grandparents having juice, coffee, cookies and taking them to chapel with Pastor Krause. We are blessed to be a part of a long-standing tradition of quality, caring Christian education.
 - The Circus train is heading to town!! Performance will be held on April 4th by the four year old classes. These children (and teachers) are hard at work preparing for these delightful shows. Mark your calendars now and plan to join the fun! The train will be rolling in soon!
 - Thank you to all who purchased books from the spring book fair. The school sold over \$2300.00 worth of books! This was a great spring fair! With our scholastic dollar profits, each teacher was allowed to pick out \$75.00 worth of books for their classrooms. Thank you, thank you, thank you!
- Please continue to keep the staff, these children and their families in your prayers. We feel very blessed to share God's love through this area of ministry of the church.

SCRIP and Other Fund Raisers



The **SCRIP** program continues at Salem beyond the holidays. Please consider purchasing gift cards for all of your everyday needs. We have a small sampling each Sunday for purchase but hundreds and hundreds may be viewed and purchased on line and delivered to the school each week. Please speak with Kris Busch for more information and help in placing your order. The school receives a percentage of the card for a "painless" way of fundraising (you receive the full amount you paid for). We encourage you to check it out!

In Christ's love,
Kris Busch, School Administrator

Project Compassion



The month of March was not one of our busiest months but we were blessed to be able to help 4 families with utility shut-off notices and eviction notices, 1 family with food, and 5 families with gas for their vehicles, as well as sharing the love of our Lord and Savior.

We thank everyone for their donations of food for the pantry and monetary donations. It is most appreciated.

We continue to pray for our Project Compassion leader, Billie Rosamond, who, as of this writing, is back in her apartment at Morningside.

May the Lord bless all of you this Easter season.

Marion, Jill, Elizabeth and Billie

Event Planning Team Meeting



On Sunday, April 2, at 12:15 pm the Event Planning Team will meet in the Meeting Room by the Nursery to discuss Confirmation plans. We have three confirmands this year—all from Cristo Para Todos. Confirmation dinner will be on May 6th with Confirmation on May 7th.

Volunteer Mission Project



Ron and Linda Knapp will be leaving the end of April to serve at Lutherhaven Ministries, a year-round Christian camp and retreat facility near Coeur d'Alene, ID. This facility provides camps and retreats for all ages for day, weekend, and week-long events. One major project is their "Idaho Servant Adventure" bringing hundreds of youth and adults from across the nation each summer for a week of significant community service and fun outdoor adventure. Please pray for safe travel and productive service on behalf of Ron and Linda.

Cristo Para Todos Update

Your Spanish-speaking Family of Faith!

The Gospel According to Matthew – Sermon on the Mount

by Pastor Brandon



I continue to preach through the Gospel of Matthew, with the goal of preaching most of the gospel in 2017. In March, I finished the Sermon on the Mount. This has been good and challenging as a pastor to preach Jesus' authoritative message on living as salt and light in this dark world.

As disciples of Jesus, we live in a way that reflects God's love and forgiveness. Our whole-hearted obedience is a response to God's gracious blessings to us (the beatitudes). And so we live in a way that is remarkably different than the unbelieving world. Our lives are characterized by purity in relationships, faithfulness in marriage, devotion to God through prayer and giving, and a generous forgiveness to those who have offended us – especially in the church. We are eager to forgive, just as we have been forgiven.

Yet we live in a world full of spiritual lies and dangers. The wide and popular road leads to destruction. False prophets seek to mislead us. Without a strong foundation, we will may be deceived or led astray. **Yet we have an almighty, eternal foundation – Jesus Christ our Rock!** We build our lives and place all our hope on him and his Word. Even when the rains of affliction and the winds of suffering batter our lives, we are secure as we trust in him!

Trust in the LORD always, for the LORD GOD is the eternal Rock. (Isaiah 26:4 NLT)

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Lenten Services in Spanish: Praying as a Family

This Lenten season, I have offered midweek Lenten services in Spanish. These are family-oriented services that give families time to discuss the topic and conclude with a time of family prayer. The theme has been the Lord's Prayer. Although attendance has been small, I continue to seek ways to equip parents to be spiritual leaders in their homes as well as to prepare them to celebrate fully of the significance of the cross and the joy of the empty tomb.



Youth Service Project

During their spring break, some of our youth worked hard to serve our church and community. We spent two days blessing our community and helping clean and improve our church grounds. Then we enjoyed a day of hiking and exploring at Lost Valley!



March in pictures...

Youth Service/Work Day/Soccer Field/Hike at Lost Valley



Soccer Tournament



Serving Salem this Month

Altar

Altar Guild
8:00
 Nelva House

Altar Linens
 Leah Beth Sutton

10:30

2nd—Trisha Grayson, 9th—Bi-lingual Service,
 16th—Star Iglesias, 23rd—Lisa McNeel, 30th—
 Cindy Mussen

Ushers

8:00: Mike Lindeman, Ian Lindeman, Zac Smith,
 Michael Atkinson

Flowers

Stand 1 Stand #2 Piano

2nd
 9th
 16th Easter Lilies
 23rd
 30th Taken

Financial Report—February 2017

General Fund

Beginning Balance	\$	12,791.63
Income	+	<u>77,906.69</u>
		90,698.32
Expenses	-	<u>[81,968.97]</u>
Ending Balance	\$	8,729.35

Special Accounts

Beginning Balance	\$	29,627.85
Income	+	<u>10,356.25</u>
		39,984.10
Expenses	-	<u>5,482.69</u>
Ending Balance	\$	34,501.41

LCEF Accounts (Investments)

Beginning Balance	\$	28,970.61
Income	+	<u>0.25</u>
		28,970.86
Expenses	-	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$	28,970.86

Mortgage Principle Balance \$ 347,307.20
 New Refinance balance

Greeters

8:00 2nd, 9th, 23rd, 30th— _____ 16th—
 Mauricio Franco, Betty Sue Knapp

Communion Assistants

8:00 Dan Bierwagen and Mike Cooper

Arise Service Helper

Team: Gary Dandy

Scripture Readers - 8:00am

2nd Betty Sue Knapp
 9th Mike Massaglia
 16th Mike Lindeman
 23rd Col. William Myers
 30th Don Williams

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LCEF Loan Principal Balance Closed 1/17

Wells Fargo Endowment Fund

Beginning Balance	\$	27,384.81
Income	+	<u>0.00</u>
		\$ 27,384.81
Transfer to GF	-	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$	27,384.81

Flower Policy



Either you may bring your own flowers or we have made an arrangement with Springdale Flower Shop. You let me know if you want flowers ordered; then I will call the flower shop and order them. You will then pay the church. Total will be \$45. They may then be picked up by you on Saturday morning before noon and brought to the church on Sunday morning. There usually will not be anyone here at the Church on Saturdays for delivery. If questions, call the church office. Darlene

Salem Celebrates!

Birthdays for April

Jimmy Garrison	4/1
Kylie Buttram	4/2
Gonzalo González	4/2
Emerson Brown	4/3
Shannon Suttie	4/3
Fredy Soliz	4/4
Letty Hartgrave	4/5
Betty Sue Knapp	4/5
Makenna Evans	4/7
Jasmine Lewis	4/8
Montserrat Gordillo	4/8
Barbara Smith	4/10
Claudia Tapia	4/10
Jamilette Rodriguez	4/10
Magda Rodriguez	4/11
Eli Combs	4/11
Mike Wilson	4/12
Jack Jasinski	4/13
Rhonda Nelson	4/13
Khriz Chavarría-Orozco	4/13
Marisela Lavilla-Campos	4/14
Jose Navarrete	4/15
Zach Conner	4/16
Joseph Barrera	4/16
Madeline Robbins	4/17
Janelle Rice	4/18
Randy Bohannon	4/18
Bill Brandt	4/18
Ruby Knight	4/18
Louise Shawhan	4/19
Haydn Babione	4/21
Susie Buttram	4/21
Moises Martinez	4/23
Heather Grosze	4/24
Noah Iglesias	4/25
Joana Tapia	4/25
Kay Dandy	4/26
Kaylyn Boothe	4/27
Aylane Chavarría	4/27
Tom Brown	4/28
Jim Estes	4/30
Marilyn Winters	4/30
Carlos Barrera	4/30

Baptism Birthdays for April

Heather Grosze	4/1
Ovie Jessen	4/1
Karen Hawes	4/3
Willie Jasinski	4/5
Aaron Bohannon	4/8
Norma Rossow	4/9
Shannon Suttie	4/9
Sharon Owens	4/10
LaDonna White	4/10
Carl Johnson	4/12

Louise Shawhan	4/12
Brooke Moore	4/17
Rhonda Nelson	4/22
Lois Douthit	4/25
Scott Atkinson	4/26
Bill Brandt	4/30
Ainsley Fougne	4/30

Wedding Anniversaries for April

Tom and Carol Brown
4/3/71—46 years

Humberto (Santos) and Victoria Barrera
4/29

Bryan and Linda Gordley
4/30/76—41 years

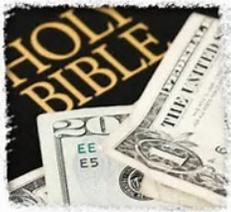
Our Church Family

Directory Changes

Change of Address

Page 10 Detmer, Virginia
Health Care Unit
1923 E. Joyce Blvd.
Fayetteville, AR 72703

February Year-to-Date Financial Summary



Salem Lutheran Ministries fiscal year runs from August 2016 to July 2017.

Our giving is down slightly from 2016, but expenses also continue to run less than 2016.

While our year-to-date results are unfavorable, we are showing a \$20,000 improvement over last year.

To the end of February 2017 Expenses have exceeded Revenue by \$26,552. This amount has been covered by savings and special gifts.

A few years ago when we called Pastor Martin we knew Salem would struggle to meet expenses for several years, but each year the shortage has continued to shrink as our ministry continues to expand. This is good news.

We still have four months remaining in this fiscal year. It is still possible for us to end the year on a positive note through your generosity. Thank you much for your support which makes it possible to continue our gospel ministry. Finance Team

Armed Services List

The following members, friends, and family members continue to serve in Iraq, Afghanistan and other areas. We, as their church family, want to continue to uphold them and their families in prayer. As we pray for peace, please also remember all the service men and women serving throughout the world.

Aaron Bohannon—at Ft. Hood

Jesse Pointer—grandson of Nancy Allor—in Afghanistan

Trent Keyes—son-in-law of Mike and Kim Cooper—at home

Paul Ostrowski—brother of Diane Border—in Afghanistan

Prayer List

Each month, the Men's Bible Study prays for six Salem Lutheran Ministries families/friends. The families chosen for April are:

Darrell and Lori Smith
Rich Smith
Robert and Barbara Smith
Tom and Lori Smith
Kathleen
Wilma Smith
Zac Smith

Please join the Men's Bible Study Group in saying prayers for these families.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Each Sunday Traditional Service w/Communion 8:00 Praise Band Practice 8:00 Sunday School 9:15 Bible Classes 9:30 Arise Contemporary Service w/ Communion 10:30 Cristo Para Todos Service w/ Communion 10:30 Volleyball 6:00			 	 		
2 Fifth Sunday in Lent LWML Bake Sale —after each worship service Event Team Planning Mtg. 12:15 (Same as Each Sunday) NO Volleyball	3 ESL 7:00	4 Chapel 8:30 Bible Study 9:30 Circus 9:30 LWML 5:30 NO Soccer Bible Study 7:00 Circus 7:00	5 Fresh Start 7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 Project Compassion 9:00 Women's Bible Study 9:15 Youth Night 5:30 Rockies 6:30 Handbells 6:30 Lent 6 7:00 Choir 7:45	6 Cristo Praise Band Practice 5:30 Soccer 6:00 ESL 7:00	7 Soccer 8:30	8 Set up for Easter Festival Easter Festival/ Egg Hunt 2—4pm 
9 Holy Week Palm Sunday Project Compassion Sunday (Same as Each Sunday) Bilingual Service—Church 10:30	10 ESL 7:00	11 (Same as 4th) Lunch after Bible Study Soccer 6:00 Bells 6:30 Choir 7:15	12 Fresh Start 7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 Project Compassion 9:00 Women's Bible Study 9:15 NO Youth Night Rockies 6:30	13 Maundy Thursday Service w/ Communion 7:00 NO Practice NO ESL NO Soccer	14 Pre-School Closed! Good Friday Services— 12 & 7 Cristo Service 7:00 NO Soccer	15
16 Easter Sunday Easter Service w/Communion 8:00 Easter Breakfast 9:30 NO Bible Study or Sunday School Arise Service w/Communion 10:30 Cristo Service 10:30	17 ESL 7:00	18 Twice Fed 9:30 Circuit Pastor's Conference 9:30 Soccer 6:00 Bells 6:30 Choir 7:15	19 Fresh Start 7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 Project Compassion 9:00 Women's Bible Study 9:15 Youth Night 5:30 Rockies 6:30	20 (Same as 6th) ESL 7:00	21 Soccer 8:30	22 Jr. High/High School Frisbee Golf and Ice Cream JB Hunt Park and Braum's 2:00—4:30
23 Second Sunday of Easter (Same as Each Sunday) Our Neighbor's Faith 5:00	24 Newsletter Deadline ESL 7:00	25 Bible Study 9:30 Soccer 6:00 Bells 6:30 Elders 6:30 Choir 7:15	26 Admin. Professionals Day (Same as 12th)	27 (Same as 6th) ESL 7:00	28 Soccer 8:30	29
30 Third Sunday of Easter (Same as Each Sunday)						

APRIL 2017

Youth—Children—Outreach

News from Feb & March

In February, Mike & Vivian Massaglia took 11 of our High School youth to the annual mid-winter retreat at the Lutheran Camp on Petit Jean mountain. A speaker from Concordia University in Austin led the main sessions. February also marked the start of our spring ESL semester. One highlight so far was our cooking night where Marilyn Rathburn came in and guest taught for us! Students learned cooking and food vocabulary along with some new recipes and then by eating the great food!

Over Spring Break in March our youth participated in a variety of service projects in order to serve our church, the community, and those in other parts of the world. They did this by helping with various cleaning projects around the church as well as spreading dirt to even out the soccer fields, by raking leaves and doing yard work for two of our members, volunteering at the Samaritan Shop, and cutting jeans for an organization called Sole Hope which provides shoes for children in Uganda. After finishing the projects, they enjoyed a fun hike at Buffalo National River

See pictures this page & next.







UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES



Easter Festival

Saturday, April 8th

2:00-4:00pm



Crafts, Easter Egg Hunt, Games, Snacks, & Easter Message Presentation

We will need help with volunteers and also donations of food and filled eggs for the egg hunt. Look for the bins in the back of the Family Life Center and next to the Church office. Please bring filled eggs by April 5th and food by April 7th.

Entrance is free but we are taking donations for Project Compassion

Wednesday Nights

Lenten Schedule through April 5th

Similar to Advent—everyone will follow the same schedule and we will make Worship the main emphasis & focus. We will have a video & talk to prep the students for worship prior to worship.

5:30pm: Dinner

6:00-6:30: Gym

6:30-7:00: Lent Video

7:00-8:00pm: Worship

No Activities April 12th

Return to normal on April 19th

Summer Camp Opportunities



Lutheran Camp on Petit Jean Mountain: Lutheran-

Scholarship Deadline:

June 11-16:
Trailblazers I - Grades 6-9

June 18-23:
Explorers - Grades 4-6

June 25-30:
Voyagers Adventure - Grades 9 & up

July 5-8:
Pathfinders—Grades 2-4

July 9-14:
Trailblazers II - Grades 5-8

July 16-21:
Arts camp - Grades 3-9

July 23-28:
Voyagers II—Grades 9-12

Jul 30—Aug 1:
Family Camp—All Ages

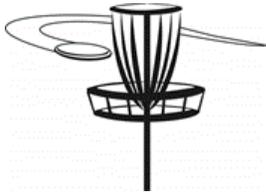
Frisbee Golf & Ice Cream

Sat—April 22nd

2:00pm—4:30pm

Jr. High & High School

Frisbee golf at JB Hunt park & Ice cream at Braum's.



Easter Breakfast

9:30am—Fellowship Hall
\$5 suggested Donation



Salem Lutheran Youth

The breakfast will be served between the 8:00 and 10:30am services (approximately 9:30) in the Fellowship Hall. Our youth will again be serving the Easter Breakfast as a fundraiser for our youth program. There will be a free-will offering with a suggested donation of \$5 per person.

Come join us for great food and fellowship.

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April 2017

April 1	April Fool Day
April 2	LWML Bake Sale—after each worship service Event Planning Team Meeting—12:15pm—Meeting Room
April 4	Pre-School Circus—Dress Rehearsal—9:30am—FLC; Program—7:00pm—FLC
April 5	Lent 6 Service—7:00pm—Church and FLC
April 8	Set up for Easter Festival—Time TBA Easter Festival/Egg Hunt—2:00—4:00pm—FLC
April 9—14	Holy Week
April 9	Palm Sunday Project Compassion Sunday 8:00am service w/Communion, 10:30 am Bi-lingual service w/Communion— Church
April 11	Bells and Choir resume normal schedule—Bells—6:30pm; Choir—7:15pm
April 12	NO Meal or Youth Night
April 13	Maundy Thursday Service w/Communion—7:00pm—Church
April 14	Good Friday School Closed! Service—Noon and 7:00pm (English) Service—7:00pm—(Spanish)
April 16	Happy Easter! Service w/Communion—8:00am—Church Easter Breakfast—9:30am—F. Hall NO Bible Study or Sunday School Arise Service w/Communion—10:30am—FLC Cristo Para Todos Service—10:30am—Church
April 24	Newsletter Deadline
April 26	Administrative Professionals Day