

Salem Lutheran Ministries

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February 2016

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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

The Lord's Prayer: A Prayer for All Seasons Mid-Week Lenten Themes

Prayer is a precious gift that God has given to us. When the disciples asked Jesus how to pray He gave them what we call the Lord's Prayer. During the season of Lent we will be looking at the petitions of the Lord's Prayer at our 7 pm Wednesday evening worship services. I pray that these petitions will serve to prepare our hearts for the celebrations of Easter.

Wednesday, February 10: "Seasons of Needing Forgiveness"

The first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday, is all about facing up to and confessing our sin and need of forgiveness, life, and salvation, we begin with the Fifth Petition, "And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

Wednesday, February 17: "Seasons of Lifting Up the Lord"

To pray "Hallowed be Thy name" is to recall, believe, and proclaim all His works of creation, redemption, and sanctification. To hallow God's name is to recognize and rely on His mighty power for our life.

Wednesday, February 24: "Seasons of Wondering Who's in Control"

When we pray, "Thy kingdom come," our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His Holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity. In other words, God's kingdom, His control, comes as our faith in Him is strengthened by hearing His Word and promises.

A meal will be served each evening starting at 5:30 p.m. with worship to follow at 7 p.m. The worship will be in English but everyone is welcome.



From Pastor Krause...



Dear Friends in Christ,

I'm excited about this year's mid-week Lenten theme: "The Lord's Prayer: A Prayer for All Seasons." The Lord's prayer is more than a super prayer we pray every Sunday morning for worship. When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray He gave them what we call the Lord's prayer. It is really a model prayer that teaches us how to pray. Sadly, I think we often just recite the Lord's prayer without really thinking about what we are saying. It is my prayer as we take a closer look at the Lord's prayer during Lent we will develop a more mature prayer life. For our prayer life does matter!

You might ask why pray? The first answer, Jesus prayed. We know Jesus followed normal Jewish practice of visiting the synagogue, a "house of prayer." We also know that He spent time alone talking with His Father in heaven. After an exhausting day healing the sick, casting out demons, teaching His disciples, being challenged by the Pharisees, etc., He'd go to His Father to be spiritually recharged. We also know two of Jesus's prayers in extreme troubled times in the Garden of Gethsemane and on the cross. But most of the time His prayer requests were for others. Jesus' prayer in John 17, often called the "High Priestly Prayer," is a request to His Heavenly Father for the disciples and for all believers in the future to be one as the Father and Son are one. Jesus prayed because He knew prayer could change things.

Second, prayer is an exercise of faith. When we pray we believe first of all that God exists, not as an impersonal force, but as a God who wants us to address Him as our Father when we pray. Second, we believe our Father in heaven is capable of hearing our prayers. He is not a God off in the distance, but a God that is intimately connected with our lives. Thirdly, we believe our Father really cares for us and has the power to answer our prayers if they are in accordance to His will. It is God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, who gives us such a faith to believe in prayer as an important part of our relationship with Christ and with one another.

Most of us find it difficult to take time to pray. Our busy lives make it difficult to set aside alone time with our Father. Instead of using the busyness of life as an excuse for not praying may we see prayer as a source of spiritual strength to cope with the busyness of life. Take time out from your busy schedules and make a commitment to gather with fellow believers this Lenten season that we might grow together in our prayer lives.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Mark and Rose

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Adult Bible Studies

Sunday Morning Bible Study begins at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. They continue their study of **1st John**. Led by Pastor Krause.

The **Young Adults** meet in the Music Room. They continue their study of **Revelation**. Led by Kristin Hatton.

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

The **Tuesday Morning Bible Study Group** meets each Tuesday at 9:30am in the F. Hall and are studying the **Book of John**.

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

The **Women's Bible Study Group** continues their study of the **Book of Romans**. They meet at 9:00 am on Wednesdays in the Meeting Room.

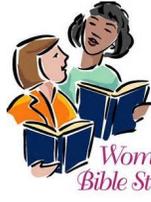
Our Neighbor's Faith will meet this month on the 21st at 5:30pm. Place TBA.

Rockies (Campus Ministry) meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm at the Rockhouse in Fayetteville.

Twice Fed will meet on Tuesday, February 16th, at 9:30am in the Family Life Center to watch the movie "**Woodlawn**".

Bible Studies and Other Topics

Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study



Women's Bible Study

They are studying the **Book of Romans**. All are welcome to join them in the meeting room at 9 am on Wednesday mornings. For questions, or more information, contact Marci Wilson or Lori Smith.

Young Adults Bible Study



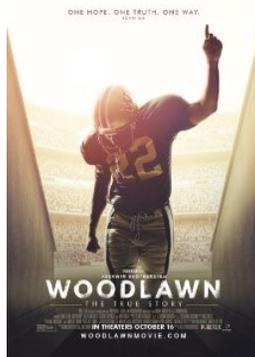
The study of **The Book of Revelation** continues. Led by Kristin Hatton. They meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30am in the Music Room. Contact Kristin if questions.

Rockhouse (Campus Ministry)



Students continue to meet each Wednesday evening at the Rockhouse on the U of A campus unless otherwise noted. They begin at 6:30 with a meal, Bible Study, and fellowship. If you or your group would like to help provide a meal or if you have any questions, contact Bert or Regina Neely at 512-618-9209 or Lori Smith at 479-841-7934.

Twice Fed—"Woodlawn"



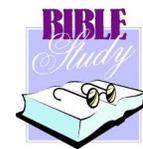
A gifted high school football player must learn to boldly embrace his talent and his faith as he battles racial tensions on and off the field in **WOODLAWN**, a moving and inspirational new film based on the true story of how love and unity overcame hate and division in early 1970s Birmingham, Ala. Tony Nathan (newcomer Caleb Castille) lands in a powder keg of anger and violence when he joins fellow African-

American students at Woodlawn High School after its government-mandated desegregation in 1973. The Woodlawn Colonels football team is a microcosm of the problems at the school and in the city, which erupts in cross burnings and riots, and Coach Tandy Gerelds (Nic Bishop) is at a loss to solve these unprecedented challenges with his disciplinarian ways.

It's only when Hank (Sean Astin), an outsider who has been radically affected by the message of hope and love he experienced at a Christian revival meeting, convinces Coach Gerelds to let him speak to the team that something truly remarkable begins to happen. More than 40 players, nearly the entire team, black and white, give their lives over to the "better way" Hank tells them is possible through following Jesus, and the change is so profound in them it affects their coach, their school and their community in ways no one could have imagined.

Plan to come and watch this movie on Tuesday, February 16th, at 9:30am in the FLC. Discussion and refreshments follow the movie.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study



The **Tuesday Morning Bible Study Group** meets each Tuesday at 9:30am in the F. Hall and are studying **The Book of John**. Led by Bert Neely.

From the Balcony



Beginning the week of February 15th, the Handbell and Choir groups will be meeting on Wednesday evenings during the Season of Lent. Bells will meet at 6:15 pm and Choir after the Lenten service.

Other News

LWML NEWS AND NOTES FOR FEBRUARY 2016



The LWML will be preparing and serving the meal before the Advent Service on February 17.

The next meeting will be Feb. 9, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the meeting room beside nursery. Salem Ladies are invited.

Looking Ahead:

Rock House Dinner—February 3, 2016

February Meeting—February 9, 2016, 5:30pm

LWML Wednesday Night Dinner—February 17, 2016

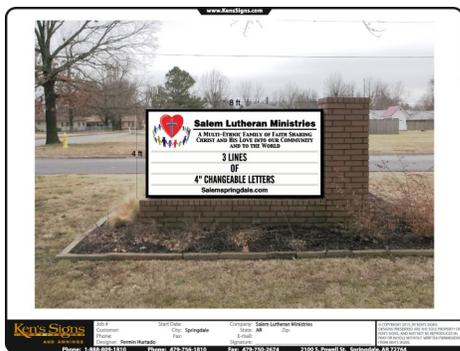
Proposal for New Signs

How we maintain our building is an important witness to our community. If you take a look at our signs they are in urgent need of updating. The signs on the corner look dirty and need to be redone. The Cristo Para Todos sign also needs repainting. The sign on the pole next to the school has a hole in the glass and it is difficult to change the message. As a result, the message doesn't get changed very often.

Ken's Signs have prepared a proposal to replace our monument signs on the corner with lighted signs that would advertise our English and Spanish worship services. This would also help to brighten up the corner of the church property at night.

They have also proposed replacing the sign on the pole with a digital sign that would make it possible to advertise a number of color messages that could be changed from a laptop. This sign would make it possible to advertise all of the ministries and activities at Salem in English and in Spanish.

The 4 monument signs would cost approximately \$10,000. The two sided digital sign would cost approximately \$25,000. We have been blessed with a \$10,00 gift. We ask everyone to prayerfully consider giving a gift to raise an additional \$25,000 needed to complete the project. It would be great if we could have the sign project completed by the fall. Thanks for your consideration.



Financial Report—December 2015

General Fund

Beginning Balance	\$ 7,419.03
Income	+ 78,963.80
	<u>86,382.83</u>
Expenses	76,676.84
Ending Balance	\$ 9,705.99

Special Accounts

Beginning Balance	\$ 10,310.69
Income	+ 4,707.96
	<u>15,018.65</u>
Expenses	- 1,430.20
Ending Balance	\$ 13,588.45

LCEF Accounts (Investments)

Beginning Balance	\$ 35,547.28
Income	+ 217.64
	<u>35,764.92</u>
Expenses	- 1,400.00
Ending Balance	\$ 34,364.92

Mortgage Principle Balance \$ 342,391.23

Cristo Para Todos Account

Beginning Balance	\$ 2,436.93
Income	<u>816.72</u>
	3,253.65
Expenses	- 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 3,253.65

LCEF Loan Principal Balance \$ 45,235.80

Wells Fargo Endowment Fund

Beginning Balance	\$ 75,002.81
Income	+ 4,871.36
	<u>\$ 79,874.17</u>
Transfer to GF	- 0.00
Ending Balance	\$ 79,874.17



Project Compassion



We had a couple of days of no Project Compassion due to illness and ice but still helped many families with food, prescriptions, gasoline, shut-off notices and eviction notices in January. Barring any bad weather we hope to be open every Wednesday this month for assistance.

We thank you for your continued support of Project Compassion with food for the pantry and monetary gifts.

Billie, Larry, Marion, Sharon

Spaghetti Dinner



National Lutheran Youth Gathering Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner

Friday, March 4, 2016

4:30-7:30pm

Fellowship Hall

Cost: Adults—\$5.00, Children under age 12—\$2.50

No tickets sold. You may pay at the door.

Dine-In or Take-Out Available

Contact Martha Atkinson at 479.530.1119 if questions.

Be watching for a sign-up sheet for donations of food.

Sunday Morning Worship Themes for February



Sunday, February 7: **“Things That Will Last . . . Things That Won’t”**

With the Transfiguration of Our Lord, the Epiphany season reaches its climax and comes to a close. Here on the mountaintop, Jesus’ identity as the divine Son is wondrously revealed. This is the fitting lead-in to the Lenten season, where Jesus shows us another glory in His suffering and death on the cross. Moses and Elijah are there to point to Jesus, but the focus is uniquely on Christ. The Father calls us to listen to His Son, through whom we are made co-heirs with the King in His glory.

Sunday, February 14: **“This Means War!”**

As soon as Jesus leaves the Jordan after His Baptism, the Spirit leads Him into the wilderness. This marks the opening skirmish between Him and Satan, and the war is on! The conclusion comes when the devil thinks it is “an opportune time,” as Jesus dies. But by dying, He destroys death, and all who call on the name of the Lord will be saved, Paul assures us in the Epistle. God kept His promises as He led the people to the Promised Land, the psalmist relies on Him for all things, and so do we as the battles in our lives continue, even though the war has been won.

Sunday, February 21: **“The Lenten Mind-Set”**

In today’s Epistle, Paul urges us to imitate him in rejecting those whose “minds are set on earthly things” and self-glory. Rather, we are to stand “firm thus in the Lord.” The Lenten mind-set keeps in focus that our citizenship is in heaven. We shall endeavor, with our Lord’s help, to keep that mind-set foremost as we journey to Good Friday and Easter.

Sunday, February 28: **“Invited to Repent”**

God in His grace and mercy is always ready to forgive, if we will but repent. He proclaimed His invitation to repent through Ezekiel: “Why will you die, O house of Israel?” Through Paul, He promised help during temptation, “that you may be able to endure it.” And in Jesus’ parable, we see God withholding immediate judgment, as a tree is given another year to produce fruit. We do not know how long our “year” is; now is the time to reply to the invitation—and repent!

Soccer Tournament



The Seasons of Stewardship

Genuine Love, Genuine Giving

2 Corinthians 8:8



You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving. While not a new statement, this still merits our consideration. Genuine, sincere love involves giving, and giving expresses our love. John wrote, "For God so loved the world, that he gave..." We have numerous opportunities to give time, energies, and money

through our church. Paul confessed to the Corinthian church that he wanted "to test the sincerity of your love."

We are not members of the Corinthian congregation, but Paul's counsel still is wise. If we love God, love our church, and love the new life we have in Christ, we will give. If genuine love motivates our giving, we will give like God—our best.

What is shaping your giving? Are other motivations, less biblical and inspiring, determining your giving pattern? Let giving be a primary means of expressing the sincerity of your love.

Valentine's Dinner/Dance



Saturday, February 27th, 6:00 to 9:30pm
Family Life Center

Everyone (couples and singles) is cordially invited to attend a Valentine's Dinner/Dance, sponsored by Salem Lutheran Ministries.

A nursery will be provided for children age 4 and under.

Free-will offering to cover cost of food.

A Great Meal, Music, Dancing, Games, Prizes

Be watching for more details in the Sunday bulletins.

Please RSVP by February 21 in order for us to know how much food to prepare.

Thrivent Choice Dollars



Don't forget to direct
Choice Dollars®

Reminder: 2015 Choice Dollars expire on March 31, 2016!

Don't miss this opportunity to recommend where Thrivent Financial should distribute some of its charitable outreach funds. If questions, contact Jon Lindeman at jonathon.lindeman@gmail.com.

Events Planning Team Meeting

A meeting will be held on Sunday, February 7, at noon in the Meeting Room to finalize plans for the upcoming Valentine's Dinner/Dance to be held on Saturday, February 27th. More details later.



Rockhouse



Salem Lutheran School News



- So far - a great start to 2016. We've had some cold days but also some nicer days to get outside on the playground! I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all your love, prayers and support over the past year. Our 2015 year started out once again with a renewed spirit. I thank our good and gracious God everyday for this school ministry and the staff that serves Him in sharing with these little ones and their families.
- Thank you to all who participated in our pie sales and silent auction fundraisers this past fall. Your contributions to these events raised around \$8,000, which will help towards major playground upgrades & improvements that will take place this spring. We have been saving up the past couple of years as this project will require some major work to be in compliance with licensing regulations. The current preschool playground was put in around 22 years ago when Mildred Winters was director, and we have been adding wood chips to it as needed to pass licensing requirements but it's now time to fix it correctly and not just put another band aide on it. Please be watching for ways in which you can help us out. And we will need lots of help to keep costs down and stay within our fundraising efforts of the past few years. Thank you as always for your continued support and help!
- We are at present time enrolling preschool and elementary children for the summer and fall sessions. If you or someone you know is looking for a loving, quality Christian school, please contact Kris Busch for enrollment forms.
- We will celebrate **National Lutheran School's Week March 7-11**. This is different than the district's week as they have now changed to January. We are going to leave ours where it has been as is a better fit time wise for us. This is a fun filled exciting week for the children, parents, grandparents and staff. The week will be filled with crazy clothes, crazy hats and socks, muffins and moms, donuts and dads, school spirit, and grandparents for tea, cookies and chapel! We are blessed to be a part of a long standing tradition of quality, caring Christian education.
- The Circus train is heading to town. You are cordially invited to attend the preschool circus productions on April 12th and 14th presented by the four/five 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!



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 (see Kris first service or call the church anytime) 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! Valentine's Day is just around the corner!

Support our School!

In Christ's love,
Kris Busch, School Administrator



National Lutheran Youth Gathering



In Christ Alone
We Stand

LCMS YOUTH GATHERING
NEW ORLEANS - JULY 16-20 2016

Its 2016 and the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans is just 6 months away! This years theme is "In Christ Alone " where we will come together around the book of Philippians and these three sub-themes: Humility (God humiliates Himself for us in Christ); Identity (there is joy in our identity in Christ

alone); and Community (Community is a place to receive and practice grace). For the five days of the Gathering, thousands of youth and adults from around the world will gather to celebrate Christ's humility, suffering, death and resurrection for our salvation. We will remember our baptismal identity in Christ and the community of believers in which we are placed to reflect Christ's humility.

Salem and Cristo Para Todos are privileged to have 9 youth and 3 adults attending this year's Gathering. Please pray for our youth as they have committed themselves to preparing spiritually and financially for this important event. Attending the National Youth Gathering are: Scott Atkinson, Sarah Black, Monse Gordillo, Jacob Grayson, Jack Jasinski, Willie Jasinski, Tristen Porter, Caleb Young and Mila Young, along with Marci Wilson, Kristin Hatton and Jason Hatton. Please keep these youth and adults in your prayers as they prepare for this life-changing event.

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. Philippians 1:3-5 (ESV)

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Humility

Scripture focus: [Philippians 2:5-11](#)

God humiliates Himself for us in Christ. Christ's humility is our humility. This isn't just a virtue but our reality. There is joy in living out humility in Christ alone.

Identity

Scripture focus: [Philippians 2:5-11, 1:21-26, 3:8-12](#)

We live as both sinner and saint. This 'identity crisis' is resolved in the blood of Christ. In Christ we are forgiven and given vocations in which to live out our identity in service to God and others. There is joy in our identity in Christ alone.

Community

Scripture focus: [Philippians 2:5-11, 1:3-7](#)

There is true community in Christ alone. Community is diverse and inclusive spanning across space and time. Community is a place to receive and practice grace. There is joy in the community created in Christ alone.

Sale of Pupusas



Serving Salem this Month . . .

Altar

Altar Guild

8:00

Freda Piazza

10:30

Altar Linens

Leah Beth Sutton

Greeters

8:00 Marilyn Winters

Communion Assistants

8:00 Tom Smith and Mike Cooper

Ushers

8:00 Scott Atkinson, Jim Atkinson, Bill Brandt,
Paige Busch

Arise Service Helper

Team: Gary Dandy

Flowers

Stand #1

Stand #2

Piano

7th

14th

21st

28th

Scripture Readers - 8:00am

7th Mike Lindeman

14th Lois Douthit

21st Betty Sue Knapp

28th Don Williams

Flowers



A sign up poster for flowers is located on the bulletin board in the lobby area. Flowers may be ordered from a local florist, made by Julie Hoff, or you may make your own. Contact the church office the Thursday before your Sunday and let Darlene know what your flowers are for.

Also, for best results, please bring bouquets of live flowers before the 8:00 am service on Sunday.

Lock-In January 2016



Cristo Para Todos Update

Your Spanish-Speaking Family of Faith!

Time or Event Oriented?

All of us have a set of values that drive our daily lives. Our values are formed by two primary sources: spiritual convictions and cultural values. God's truth gives us clear guidelines of right and wrong in many areas. But much of our daily lives are driven by cultural standards of what is appropriate and best – **much of it neither right or wrong . . . just different!**

For instance, do you tend to be time or event-oriented? If you are a North American, it is most likely that you value punctuality, viewing it as efficient and respectful. A time-oriented person thinks that starting a meeting or a worship service on time is best. A well-planned schedule is efficient. Right?

Many of our Hispanic brothers and sisters see another value: being fully present in body and mind – participating in the event without the constraints of time. They don't rush out the door at the end of a worship service. They don't worry if a long sermon will make them late to lunch. They observe that many people who live by their watches live with greater anxiety and miss opportunities for fellowship.

As a pastor who lives between two worlds, I see and feel the tension between these sets of cultural values. I also see the pros and cons of both! As we grow as a multiethnic family of faith, we will continue to face the joys and challenges of different cultural values. But I am convinced that as we listen and understand one another, our fellowship will be much richer and deeper!

***Important Note:** Cristo Para Todos is made of Hispanics from nine different nations . . . and many different cultures. There is not a single Hispanic culture. The above is a generalization of shared values within their many cultures.

January Events: Weekly Bible Study



On Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings, we gather to grow together in faith as we study God's Word. Our Bible studies are based on the same theme as the sermon. Our present series is *God's Top Ten – Life as God Intended*. As you can see from the photos, food and celebration is an important part of our gatherings as well!

Salem Celebrates!

February Birthdays

Sarah Krisnowich	2/5
Kay Danley	2/6
Kelly Keyes	2/6
Jovanna Martinez	2/6
Dan Bierwagen	2/7
Bianca Navarrete	2/8
Lesbia Chavarria	2/8
Rachell Sanchez-Smith	2/8
Darrel Duncan	2/9
Landon Hatch	2/11
Mike Boness	2/11
Heidi Jasinski	2/11
Jeff Valdez	2/11
Bill Jasinski	2/13
Odilia Mejia	2/13
Maria Hernández	2/15
Ainsley Fournie	2/16
Kevin Taylor	2/16
Wilma Smith	2/17
Ovie Jessen	2/18
Melissa Sipes	2/20
Mario Navarrete	2/20
Tony Messina	2/22
Willie Jasinski	2/23
Brian Owens	2/24
David White	2/25
Gilberto Gordillo	2/27

February Baptism Birthdays

Fred Cusanneli	2/1
Scott Grosze	2/1
Andrew Grosze	2/1
Garrett Grosze	2/1
Mike Lindeman	2/1
Derek Caquelin	2/5
Brent Cooper	2/9
Robbie Combs	2/10
Lori K. Smith	2/11
Paden Adams	2/13
Jayci Wilson	2/14
Levi Moore	2/16
London Clark	2/17
Callie Givens	2/18
Emily Brannon	2/20
Robyn Young	2/20
Shirley Sletten	2/22
Brandon Gordley	2/28
Krystal Gordley	2/28

February Wedding Anniversaries

Rickey and Diane Border
2/2/11—5 years

Dennis and *Mary* Tresner
2/12/93—22 years

Rocky and Ramona Norris
2/14/81—35 years

Randy and Joyce Bohannon
2/19/82—34 years

Our Church Family

Directory Changes

Changes in E-Mail

- Page 1 Elders Team
Zac Smith
zachary.smith@tyson.com
- Page 5 Bladdick, Shelly
shellybladdick@yahoo.com
- Page 28 Tetzlaff, Harley & Julie
hjtetzlaff@hotmail.com

Phone Number Addition

- Page 9 Cusanelli, Fred
479-200-0128

Deletion of Home Phone

- Page 17 Knapp, Ron & Linda
Delete 479-521-3017
Use Cells:
Ron—479-283-8830
Linda—479-283-7124

Addition of E-Mail

- Page 23 Owens, Sheena
pinkowens30@gmail.com

Deceased

- Page 27 Spomer, Ed
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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—at the Pentagon

Prayer List

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

Larry and Nelva House
Marjorie Hubbs
Melissa Hutchens
Nick, Morgan, Triston,
Gabrielle Pando
Iván and Star Iglesias
Christian, Noah
Greg Jackson
Bill and Heidi Jasinski
Willie, Jack

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

Ed Spomer

Edwin J. "Rocky" Spomer, 94, passed away at Willard Walker Hospice House in Fayetteville, AR on January 7, 2016. A private family service will be held at a later date. He was our oldest member.

Memorials may be sent to: Salem Lutheran Ministries, 1800 West Emma, Springdale, AR 72762.

Condolences may be sent to his daughter:

Michelle Miller
784 Terry St.
Springdale, AR 72764

FEBRUARY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p style="text-align: center;">Each Sunday</p> <p>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</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p>Dance Group 7:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>Presentation of Our Lord The Purification of Mary Groundhog Day Bible Study 9:30 Soccer 6:00 Handbells 6:30 Choir 7:15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p>Fresh Start 7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 Chapel 8:30 Women's Bible Study 9:00 Project Compassion 9:00 Youth Night 5:30 Rockies 6:30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p>Cristo Praise Band Practice 5:30 Soccer 6:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p>Soccer 6:30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p> <p>Keepers 8:00 Praise Band Practice 6:00</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">7</p> <p>Transfiguration of Our Lord (Same as Each Sunday) Events Planning Mtg. 12:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p>Dance Group 7:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9</p> <p>Bible Study (lunch afterwards) 9:30 LWML 5:30 Soccer 6:00 Handbells 6:30 Choir 7:15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p>Ash Wednesday Fresh Start 7:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 Chapel 8:30 Women's Bible Study 9:00 Project Compassion 9:00 Service w/Imposition of Ashes and Communion Noon and 7:00 Meal 5:30 Youth Night 5:45 Rockies 6:30 Cristo Service 7:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p>Cristo Praise Band Practice 5:30 Soccer 6:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12</p> <p>Sr. High Retreat at Camp Petit Jean Soccer 6:30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <p>Sr. High Retreat at Camp Petit Jean Praise Band Practice 6:00</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">14</p> <p>First Sunday in Lent Project Compassion Sunday Valentine's Day Sr. High Retreat at Camp Petit Jean ends (Same as Each Sunday)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">15</p> <p>President's Day Dance Group 7:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">16</p> <p>Circuit Pastor's Conference 9:30 Twice Fed 9:30 Soccer 6:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">17</p> <p>(Same as 10th) Bells 6:15 Rockies 6:30 Lent Service 7:00 Choir—after service</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">18</p> <p>Cristo Praise Band Practice 5:30 Soccer 6:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p>Soccer 6:30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p>Praise Band Practice 6:00</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">21</p> <p>Second Sunday in Lent (Same as Each Sunday) Bd. of Directors 12:30 Our Neighbor's Faith 5:00 Basketball Night for high school and adults 6—8pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">22</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline Property Team 6:30 Dance Group 7:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p>Elders 6:30 Soccer 6:30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">24</p> <p>St. Matthias, Apostle (Same as 17th) Bells 6:15 Rockies 6:30 Lent Service 7:00 Choir—after service</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <p>(Same as 18th)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">26</p> <p>Marriage Retreats (English and Spanish) Time TBA NO Soccer Decorate FLC</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">27</p> <p>Marriage Retreats (English and Spanish) Valentines Dinner/Dance 6:00—9:30 NO Praise Band Practice</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">28</p> <p>Third Sunday in Lent (Same as Each Sunday)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">29</p> <p>Dance Group 7:00</p>					



Youth—Children—Outreach

News from January

January included getting back into the swing of our normal Wednesday night activities and our normal Sunday school program (after missing a few Wednesday nights over the holidays and spending much of our Sunday mornings working on Christmas program prep). The youth team and the children's team both met to work on future plans for the year. See a few snapshots of our Wednesday Night program next 2 pages.

Finally, Salem hosted a regional lock-in for youth in grades 6-12. We ended out with around 30 youth total between the 3 churches that participated. It was a fun, though exhausting, night as we taught the kids about understanding their worth as children of God and what it means to live out their lives as His children. See pictures next 2 pages.



Volunteer Spotlight: Dan & Marilyn Bierwagen and Ruth Burnett

After missing last month, I decided to do extra this month! **What they do:** While both Marilyn and Ruth are employed by Salem, they often pick up many extra tasks and ministries as volunteers. Furthermore, while all 3 (Dan, Marilyn, & Ruth) help in MANY ways—for this 'spotlight', I want to especially recognize them for their efforts in the Wednesday Night Program for children & youth. Ruth & Marilyn asked last year whether or not it might help if we were able to move the meal time up to 5:30 on Wednesday evenings—I immediately agreed but stated that it was difficult for many of the families who bring food to come at that time on a week night due to work. They responded by offering to take on the task themselves with the help of Barb Smith. As I have told them on multiple occasions, I cannot even describe how much of a difference their help has made in the program. Their continued dedication means so much!! Dan also frequently fills in wherever it is needed from help in the gym to substituting as a mentor to acting as an aid for our pre-confirmation class. He is such a blessing to the program!

What they enjoy about volunteering: Marilyn immediately responded 'The Kids!' - she said she 'just loves getting to know them, feeding them, and making them happy.' Dan said he enjoys watching the growth of the kids both spiritually and socially. He said that the spiritual growth is just thrilling to watch, but it is also just fun to watch them grow in all aspects. Ruth echoed Dan & Marilyn's statements that the kids are the highlight. She said, 'I just love the kids—I think they're terrific.' She stated that she loves watching the kids come together—that they are a very diverse group and yet they just love and accept each other. She said it's also great that, for the most part, no one is picky about the food—they are just all so grateful and that she and Marilyn always feel appreciated. She added that Wednesday is always a highlight of her week.

About them: Dan and Marilyn both grew up in Syracuse, NY. They met at a bar in college and several months later were set up on a blind date! Dan stated, 'and I remembered everything about her.' They lived in Mtn. Home, AR for 22 years where they owned their own business. Dan began working for Edward Jones after they sold their business and that work led him to Springdale in 2001 and Marilyn was able to follow in 2002. Dan now works for Wells Fargo as a Financial Advisor and Marilyn is the Office Administrator at the First Presbyterian Church and the Financial Administrator for Salem. Ruth is originally from the quad city area in Illinois and lived in Little Rock from 1973-2002 until she followed her kids to this area. She has 2 children and 4 grandchildren and works for Salem both cleaning the church and cooking for the preschool.

Hobbies & Fun Facts: Dan likes to golf and enjoys college football and basketball and played football for Dartmouth as a left tackle. Marilyn enjoys DIY (Do it yourself) projects and loves Halloween. They both love to travel when they have time. Ruth loves to cook & sew and enjoys spending time with family and friends. Also, in High School she was part of multiple choirs, octets, and trios. She even sang in competitions and won awards for it! She still loves all kinds of music.





UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES



Linkt High School Retreat at Petit Jean Mountain

February 12-14th

Grades 9-12

There will be another state wide youth retreat at Lutheran Camp on Petit Jean mountain. The retreat's theme is 'What are you linkt to?' and will include hiking, Bible Study & Worship, service projects, games and other activities. The February retreat will be just for High School as there was a November one for just Jr. High. Youth attending will include: Mila & Caleb Young, Karen Herrera, Gonzalo Gonzalez, Sarah Black, Monse Gordillo, Michael Hall, and Fernando Garcia Ayala. If anyone else is interested in attending, please see Kristin Hatton (870-421-4348) or Pastor Brandon Martin. It will be a great trip!

Wednesday Nights Lent Schedule Begins Feb 10th

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*

6:00-6:40: *Gym*

6:40-7:00: *Lent Video*

7:00—8:00pm: *Worship*

Spring Break Activities

Last year, we held a spring break service day on the Wednesday of Spring Break. We are discussing doing something similar or possibly making it a 2-day event with a mix of fun & service events over 2 days. Stay posted for updates on these plans. If you are interested in being involved or have ideas for service projects or fun events, let us know. (See Kristin Hatton for questions or comments).



Easter Festival Saturday, March 12th

3:00-5:00pm



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

We will need help with volunteers and also donation of candy for Easter Eggs. Look for the bins in the back of the Family Life Center and next to the Church office. Please donate candy by March 6th.

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February Happenings

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| February 2 | Groundhog Day |
| February 6 | Keepers of the House—8:00am |
| February 7 | Transfiguration of Our Lord |
| February 10 | Lent begins with Ash Wednesday
Services at noon and 7:00pm with communion—Church |
| February 12—14 | Sr. High Retreat at Camp Petit Jean |
| February 14 | Happy Valentine's Day!
Project Compassion Sunday |
| February 15 | President's Day |
| February 16 | Twice Fed—9:30am—FLC |
| February 17 | Lent Service—7:00pm—Church |
| February 21 | Bd. of Directors—12:30pm |
| February 21 | Basketball Night for High School and Adults—6:00—8:00pm—FLC |
| February 23 | Elders—6:30pm—Meeting Room |
| February 24 | Lent Service—7:00pm—Church |
| February 26-27 | Marriage Retreats (English and Spanish) - Time TBA |
| February 27 | Valentine's Dinner/Dance—6:00—9:30pm—FLC |
| February 29 | Property Team—6:30pm—Meeting Room |

