



# Salem Lutheran Church

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**April, 2023**

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Greetings!

When you've been institutions as long as our churches have been around, you end up reaching a point where you are so far removed from the formation of the churches that you sometimes forget the reason for the institution in the first place. A lot has changed in Maple Ridge Township in the last nearly 150 years, but what hasn't changed is the purpose of our ministry within our communities. But sometimes we need a reminder of what that purpose is from time to time. We need to focus on the building blocks that formed our ministry together.

And that is exactly what we will be doing throughout the months of April and May as we celebrate the season after Easter and make our way toward Pentecost Sunday. Our Easter sermon series is called "Building Blocks" and we will focus on the stories of the early church that teach us the fundamentals of faith. I definitely don't envy those first Christ followers who had to figure out what ministry looked like after Jesus was resurrected. They had to make some tough decisions as to what their churches look like and how they wanted to do ministry together. But we can learn a lot about the basics of faith by digging into the stories of the early church.

During the Great Fifty Days, the texts include both stories we expect ("doubting" Thomas) and stories we may overlook (Paul preaching in the Areopagus). Some take place chronologically after Pentecost, although the season builds toward that event. These passages teach valuable fundamentals for a life of faith. What commitments are foundational to our Christian identity? We believe in what we cannot see, experience the resurrected Christ, learn to share in community, ask questions as we grow in faith, draw connections for those with other beliefs, draw strength from shared prayer, and value all who are part of the body of Christ.

This has felt like a long winter, considering the amount of snow we have been shoveling/ plowing around for months. As Easter approaches, I'm hoping it starts feeling more like spring and we will experience a resurrection moment for creation as well. That's the part of resurrection that we want to forget or gloss over - death. I think us Minnesotans appreciate spring and summer so much more than other states because we have lived through the "dead" of winter. May you also feel reinvigorated in your commitment to church as well as we enter into a new season.

I look forward to our Easter Sunday worship this year. Please invite your friends and family to join us at either church for worship and breakfast.

The schedule for that Sunday is as follows:  
7:00am - Salem Worship followed by breakfast to support the Salem Saints softball team  
7:30am - Breakfast served at Siloa provided by WELCA  
9:00am - Worship at Siloa

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# Let's Talk!



## We lift up in prayer:

We hold up Luther Carlson, Teddy Carlson, Vonnie Friez, Todd Boser, Bucky Erickson, and Amanda Johnson in special prayers this week.

Mark your calendars for some upcoming events:



- April 4 @ 1:30 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting
- April 6 @ 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday and First Communion @ Salem
- April 7 @ 7:00 PM Good Friday @ Siloa
- April 9 @ 7:00 AM Easter Worship  
@ 8:00 AM Easter Breakfast hosted by Saints Softball Teams
- April 12 @ 6:00 PM Council meeting
- April 28 & 29 Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly
- April 30th @ 10:30 Healing Service at Siloa
- May 7th @ 9:00 AM Confirmation
- June begins our new worship time of 10:30 AM



Siloa invites you to a Salad Luncheon (free-will offering), a Mini-Marketplace with homemade goods and crafts for sale, as well as a silent auction of gift baskets.

This will be held after church on Sunday, April 30th which is the Healing Service at Siloa.

We hope to see you there!



## Worship MINISTRY

DATE	GREETERS & USHERS	LAY READER	COMMUNION ASST	ALTAR GUILD
Apr 2	Wanda Johnson	Special Reader Team	Suzanne Hulett	Annie Johnson
April 9	Wanda Johnson	Suzanne Hulett	Suzanne Hulett	Amanda Johnson
April 16	Steve & Renee Horbul	Beverly Ramey	Suzanne Hulett	Alaina Norby
April 23	Wanda Johnson	Pat Boser	Suzanne Hulett	Shirley Illg
April 30	HEALING SERVICE AT SILOA			



# Stewardship Committee News

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank all of you who have filled out one or both of our stewardship campaign surveys in the last couple of months. The information has been very insightful to the committee and we look forward to seeing how we can utilize the responses moving forward. We know that by filling out those surveys you are being vulnerable sharing your gifts of time, talents, and treasures with our committee, and we truly appreciate this feedback.

We were especially encouraged to see the results from the anonymous financial stewardship letter. Not all households have submitted their responses; however, from what we have received, we are looking at a potential of roughly \$13,000 increase to our giving for this next year. As you know if you read the letter, we challenged households to give a minimal amount more per day of the month than what they were already giving, and it's easy to see how quickly a little can add up to a lot.

Our committee also realized that there are some significant people missing in regards to our stewardship survey which was handed out around annual meeting time. If you have not yet filled out a survey for yourself, please utilize the one included in this newsletter and leave them in the box hanging outside of Pastor Mary's office. There are also copies available on the table outside of the sanctuary as well. Thanks again for all of the ways you contribute to the ministry here at Salem!

—The Stewardship Committee

## Salem Stewardship Survey 2023

Our role as God's stewards is one of many dimensions – grateful, responsible, self-sacrificing, willing, sharing, proportionate, committed, regular, genuine, and challenged. By generously giving of ourselves, we discover joy in Christ.

As we begin a new year, the Stewardship Committee asks that you prayerfully consider volunteering to serve in one or more of the following ways. We thank you for all the ways you are currently serving at Salem. Please indicate with an "X" the areas you are already sharing your time and talents and/or indicate with a "+" ways you would like to look into or get more information about serving:

- Reader    Usher    Special Music    Counters/Finance Committee  
 Hospitality Committee    Funeral Committee    Shalom Thrift Store  
 Altar Guild    Banner Committee    Youth Ministry    Property  
 Special Events (Fish Fry, Harvest Festival, etc)    Audit Committee  
 Youth Education (Sunday School/VBS/Sparks)    Church Council  
 Constitution Committee    Bobbin Feeders

The Stewardship Committee also recognizes that the congregation isn't just here to serve the church either, but that the church also serves as a place for fellowship, discipleship, and fun! Again, please indicate with an "X" these activities you already participate in and/or indicate with a "+" activities you'd like to look into or get more information about:

- Bible Study    Softball    Book Club    Adult Education    Park Walks  
 Craft Weekends    Retreats    Youth Group

Other activities/groups/topics to learn about you'd like to see offered here at Salem:

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the best way to reach you (home phone/email/cell phone)?

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# Palm/Passion Sunday

April 2nd, 2023

## Prayer of the Day

O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Readings

Isaiah 50:4-9a | Psalm 31:9-16 | Philippians 2:5-II | Matthew 26:14-27:66

## Prayers of Intercession

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Save your church, O God. Enable us to boldly confess in every time and place that Jesus Christ is Lord. With the humility of a servant, equip congregations, synods, and other ministry settings to proclaim your extravagant love for all. Merciful God, **receive our prayer:**

Save your creation, O God. Every living being you have made has purpose. Give us renewed appreciation of farm animals who labor in the fields, service animals who accompany their human companions, and beloved pets who live alongside us. Merciful God, **receive our prayer:**

Save the peoples of the earth, O God. Restore dignity to those who are scorned and persecuted for their religious beliefs or political activism, and deliver them from the hand of their enemies. Bring peace where conflict runs deep. Merciful God, **receive our prayer:**

Save those who cry to you in any need, O God. Watch over all who are incarcerated or awaiting trial, and stand with those who are unjustly accused. Be present with those feeling isolated, lonely, or fearful...especially... Merciful God, **receive our prayer:**

Save us in your love, O God. Guide the work of church musicians, pastors, choirs, readers, deacons, technicians, acolytes, and all who assist in worship. Sustain them in their leadership as they accompany congregations through this Holy Week. Merciful God, **receive our prayer:**

Save us at the last, O God. We give you thanks for your saints of old who embodied your servant love. As you came to their aid, so deliver us in times of trial that every knee would bend in praise to you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer:**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

# Easter Sunday

April 9th, 2023

## Prayer of the Day

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Readings

Acts 10:34-43 | Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 | Colossians 3:1-4 | John 20:1-18

## Prayers of Intercession

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

You call your church to witness to your salvation. We give thanks for all theologians, preachers, and teachers who proclaim your gospel. Equip all the baptized to share the joy of the resurrection in all we say and do. Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer:**

You bring abundant life throughout creation. The green blade rises, and all creation greets the resurrection dawn. Preserve vineyards and orchards and those who tend to them. Feed us with the fruits of creation. Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer:**

You show your steadfast love without regard to borders, barriers, or human-made divisions. Infuse your justice in every nation of the world that all experience the peace that only you can give. Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer:**

You anointed your Son with the Holy Spirit and with power. Encourage us by his example in our ministries of healing, care, and outreach. We pray for all who are sick or hospitalized and for all health care workers who care for them...especially...Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer:**

You have put gladness in our hearts. Inspire musicians and dancers to rejoice with songs of victory. Bless the music ministries of this congregation and all who foster our assembly's song. Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer:**

As you have raised Jesus from the dead, you show us your resurrection promise. With your holy ones who have sung your praise, free us from fear and empower us to go and tell the good news. Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer:**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

# 2nd Sunday of Easter

April 16th, 2023

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Readings

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 | Psalm 16 | 1 Peter 1:3-9 | John 20:19-31

## Prayers of Intercession

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

God of rebirth, the good news of your resurrection brings refreshment to a weary world. Following the women at the tomb, empower us to boldly share your radical love through our words and our work. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

As you breathed your Spirit into the disciples, breathe your spirit of healing upon all creation. Nourish the earth with sufficient rains. Strengthen us to counter the effects of pollution and destruction. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You prepared the disciples for their ministry by calming their fears and granting them your peace. Equip our communities' leaders. Give them a spirit of peace and hearts that burn for justice, that their leadership reflects your love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You come among us in unexpected ways. Send us to those who hide in fear or question your love. Be a healing presence for any isolated by addiction, incarceration, mental illness, chronic pain, sickness, or grief...especially... Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

As you met the disciples on the road to Emmaus, show us your presence along our journeys. Bless our doubts and questions. Provide trusting and safe relationships for all ages, to nurture our connection to you and one another. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Resurrecting God, you bring us to new life every day. Thank you for blessing us with companions on our faith journey, especially those who now rest in your love. Strengthen us with the eternal peace of your promises. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

# 3rd Sunday of Easter

April 23rd, 2023

## Prayer of the Day

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Readings

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 | Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 | 1 Peter 1:17-23 | Luke 24:13-35

## Prayers of Intercession

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Ever-present God, you make yourself known in the breaking of the bread and in the bonds of community. Reveal yourself to us in the faces of all we meet. Strengthened by your body and blood, let us boldly live out your good news. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

As we know you in the breaking of the bread, we know you in the grains of the field and the flowing waters. Care for the earth you lovingly create. Strengthen those who safeguard throned land and water. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You are the authority to whom we dedicate our lives. Help us keep the needs of those most vulnerable at the forefront of our community. Move us to care for any who are disregarded or oppressed. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Mothering God, you feed and comfort those who hunger. Open the hearts of those who hoard resources and lead them to share your abundance. We pray for anyone hungering for your comforting presence this day...especially... Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You pour out your love on those who are oppressed. Support and comfort anyone who is marginalized by gender or sexuality and those whose stories are not believed. Form this community to listen faithfully and speak honestly in our ministry together. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember with thanksgiving all your beloved saints. As you have raised them to eternal life, abide with us in your promise of resurrection. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

# 4th Sunday of Easter

April 30th, 2023

## Prayer of the Day

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Readings

Acts 2:42-47 | Psalm 23 | Peter 2:19-25 | John 10:1-10

## Prayers of Intercession

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

You are the shepherd who gathers us in your mighty and loving arms. Help your church to listen for your voice, especially when the voices of sin, idolatry, and oppression threaten to overpower us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

The green pastures, still waters, and dark valleys of this earth all belong to you, O Lord. Sustain your creation with a love that is both mighty and just. Where there is destruction bring healing. Where there is desolation, bring abundance. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You proclaim shepherding love, comfort, and protection for all people and all of creation. Direct leaders in our own time to learn from your example and instruction. Give them servant hearts, that they generously seek the good of all. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You journey with us wherever our paths may lead. We pray for those feeling overwhelmed by anxiety or depression or suffering in any way...especially... Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You are the sheep gate that gives safety to your beloved flocks. Provide protection for refugees, victims of domestic violence, those who are imprisoned, and all people who are vulnerable to violence and mistreatment. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You call your sheep by name and lead them through the valley of death. We give you thanks for those who have died and now dwell in your house forever. Be with those who mourn, and give them hope in the promise of resurrection. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**



## Annual One Pitch Softball Tournament

Saturday, April 29th

Beginning at 8:00 AM

There will be concessions  
available as well.

Come and support our teams!

Will be rescheduled to May 6 if  
inclement weather.

Check our Facebook page.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:00 Worship Palm Sunday	3	4 8:30 Ladies' Breakfast at The Every Day Cafe w/ Siloa 1:30 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting	5 8:00 AM Men in Mission Breakfast/Bible Study at Park Café w/Siloa 6:15 SPARKS @ Salem	6 7:00 PM Maundy Thurs & First Communion	7 7:00 PM Good Friday @ Siloa	8
9 7:00 Worship 8:00 Breakfast by Salem Softball Teams	10	11 8:30 Bobbin Feeders	12 8:00 AM Men in Mission Breakfast/Bible Study at Park Café w/Siloa	13	14	15
16 9:00 Worship	17	18	19 8:00 AM Men in Mission Breakfast/Bible Study at Park Café w/Siloa 1:30 Ladies Bible Study 6:15 SPARKS 6:30 Confirmation	20 8:00 AM Men in Mission Breakfast/Bible Study at Park Café w/Siloa	21	22
23 9:00 Worship	24	25 8:30 Bobbin Feeders	26 8:00 AM Men in Mission Breakfast/Bible Study at Park Café w/Siloa 6:30 Youth Group	27	28	29
30 10:30 Healing Service @ Siloa						



**Salem Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes-Unapproved  
March 8, 2023**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Suzanne Hulett called the meeting to order @ 5:43 pm

**II. OPENING PRAYER**

Pastor Mary led the council in an opening prayer.

**III. ROLL CALL**

The following persons were present: Executive Committee – Suzanne Hulett, Keith Engstrom, and Beverly Ramey. Council Members - Pastor Mary Fiel, Keith Engstrom, Wendy Linder, David Lundin, Brenna Johnson, Jesse Johnson, Wanda Johnson, Don Erickson, and Roseanna Kollman \*\*

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING****SECRETARY REPORT**

- i. Secretary's report was passed out. Motion to accept the report as written by Wanda and second by Wendy. Minutes approved.

**TREASURE/FINANCIAL REPORT**

- ii. Motion to accept the Treasury/Financial Report as written. Motion by David and second by Jesse. Financial report approved.
- iii. Shalom Financial report – Pastor Mary. Received and approved applications for \$900. Still funds available to disperse.

**PASTOR REPORT**

- iv. 4 Sunday worship services, 2 Lenten Services
- v. 0 baptisms, 0 weddings, 1 funerals/memorials
- vi. 1 Pastoral visits

**V. OLD BUSINESS:****Monitor recycling**

- i. Monitor will be turned in at the spring cleanup day for Dalbo Township

**2023 Congregation/Pastor Priorities – we will review monthly  
“Meet & Greet” (Joint Council Meeting) – Tuesday March 28, 6 pm at Siloa**

**VI. NEW BUSINESS****PASTOR REIMBURSEMENTS**

- i. Mileage – \$74.69
- ii. Expenses – \$28.43

Motion by Bev to approve and Wanda seconded. Motion approved.

**June Semi-Annual Meeting**

- I. 2 council positions open – Wanda concludes 2<sup>nd</sup> term plus 1 year. Suzanne concludes 1<sup>st</sup> term. – David/ Don/ Jesse/. David volunteered.

- II. Re-elect one 2022 council position for a 3 year term.

**Publication of Minutes**

- i. The monthly minutes can be published prior to council approval with the disclaimer that changes may happen after council reviews and approves the minutes.

Bev to check the office binder to see if the minutes are current and the approved versions.

**VII. April Responsibilities: Suzanne Hulett****COMMITTEE / TASKFORCE:****COMMITTEES****Discipleship & Mission - Wanda Johnson**

- School lunches are being reviewed by the State of Minnesota for all children
- “Souper” Bowl of Caring = many cans of soup turned into Family Pathways.

- Council approved via email the designation of loose offering on Wednesday Lent services to be sent to Lutheran World Relief on Feb 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Education & Youth - Wendy Linder & Brenna Johnson**

- Request to use debit card for curriculum purchase for Sunday school – approx. \$90. Transfer of \$150 to debit card of replenishment of funds. Pastor Mary presented motion and Wanda second. Motion passed.

**Fellowship - Suzanne Hulett & Beverly Ramey**

- Fish Fry – co chairs for the committee are needed. Justin Linder will be scheduling a meeting.
- Easter Breakfast – softball team has agreed to serve. The numbers are there for a second team for the softball. Jesse will be 2<sup>nd</sup> coach.
- 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration 2024 – Chairpersons in place and they will contact members to help with the planning.

**Property – David Lundin & Jesse Johnson**

- Furnace issues – Furnace estimates have been received and will plan on replacing furnace in warmer weather.
- Playground equipment needs to be sealed this season.

**Stewardship - Keith Engstrom****Worship & Music Don Erickson**

- Easter advertisements will be placed in the Princeton Union Eagle and Shopper with a cost of \$104, the County Star at a cost of \$80, and the Kanabec paper which is free. Motion made by Don and second by David. Motion passed.

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Pastor Mary ended with a closing prayer.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Brenna, second by Jesse, motion passed  
Meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

March 15	1:00 pm & 7:00 pm Lenten Worship at Siloa. Soup at 6 pm
March 22	1:00 pm & 7:00 pm Lenten Worship at Salem. Soup at 6 pm
March 29	1:00 pm & 7:00 pm Lenten Worship at Siloa. Soup at 6 pm
April 4	1:30 pm Stewardship Committee Meeting
April 6	7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship with First Communion at Salem
April 7	7:00 pm Good Friday service at Siloa
April 9	7:00 am Easter Worship at Salem
April 12	6:00 pm Church Council meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

Beverly Ramey

Council Secretary

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Apr 6 Maundy Thursday @ Salem	& First Communion @ 7PM
Apr 7-Good Friday @ Siloa	7PM
Apr 9-Easter Breakfast-hosted by Sa- lem Softball Teams	7:00 AM 8:00 AM

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Facebook: Salem Lutheran Church Dalbo

**Set office hours:**

**Wendy, Church Secretary**

Wednesdays from 4pm—6pm

Doors may be locked, simply call or knock and she will unlock the door for you.

If you need access to church outside of these hours, please call 763.286.6845.

Pastor Mary can meet with you via appointment. Please call her at 507.525.3909