



Salem Lutheran Church

We are all God's children reflecting His love

March, 2026

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Education & Youth - Carleigh Kuhlman

Fellowship & Discipleship—
Suzanne Hulett

Property - Jesse Johnson

Worship & Music -
Donovan Erickson

The month of March has just flown by but what a wonderful month it has been. It's been busy for sure, but with things that bring me joy: worshipping with you, home visits, First Communion, and just hanging out and getting to know you. Thank you for the gift of being you and inviting me into your lives.

As to worship, we're deep in the heart of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter, the church seasons that are most central to our faith and shape who we are as Christians. It is at this time of year we enter into worship with Christ in his cross and resurrection. These events are what form us as Christians, not just at this time of year, but every moment of every day. This is not an abstraction. We know this because it's our experience. Every day we experience cross and resurrection; it's simply a part of our lives: a spat with our spouse, someone cuts us off in traffic, a thoughtless coworker, the loss of a pet, a bad diagnosis, an unflattering haircut, a lost phone, worries about a child, the list is endless. In all these daily, ordinary things, we feel loss or grief or anger. But we also know the other side of these things. We also know we experience daily resurrection.

Like the dailiness of the cross, we also experience the dailiness of the resurrection. An encouraging call from a friend, someone telling us they are praying for us, a kind employee helping us out, the sun's light shining through a window that brings us joy, a piece of music we hear in church, a kind look from a loved from across the room, a casserole delivered at just the right time, a child or grandchild sharing a success. Small things maybe, but glorious and lovely and hopeful too.

Jesus' death and resurrection was an incredibly ordinary event for the leaders who decided to crucify him. But because we claim this is God in the flesh, we also claim that this is an extraordinary event for us and our lives. The cross and resurrection not only takes on the big things like sin, death and the devil but also takes on our ordinary lives and our ordinary days. Every moment and every breath we are given are part of God's redeeming activity. God, through Christ, has claimed us in the cross and resurrection. We are His. And He will never let us go.

So, let yourself breathe deeply this Easter season. Enter your whole very human self into resting in God and God's promises. Because yes, life is full of trouble and grief both large and small, but God has promised you life. It's abundant and daily and hopeful. It is already here. It is all for you.

Let's Talk!

We lift up in prayer:



WE HOLD UP DeeDee Johnson, Judy Windorski, Sophia Gillson, Sandy Quale's Great Niece, Craig Engstrom, Dani Illg, Lisa Gardner and Laverne Klobuchar's family **IN SPECIAL PRAYERS.**

Please welcome Carleigh Kuhlman as the student representative to church council, she is representing Education & Youth! Welcome Aboard Carleigh.

Worship **MINISTRY**

DATE	GREETERS	LAY READER	COMMUNION ASST	ALTAR GUILD
Apr 5	Craig & Sandy Quale	DeeDee Johnson	Jesse Johnson	Shirley Illg
Apr 12	Amanda & Beverly Ramey	Beverly Ramey	Jesse Johnson	Alaina Norby
Apr 19	Carol & Lora Westberg	Jesse Johnson	Jesse Johnson	Annie Johnson
Apr 26	Gary & Pat Boser	Carleigh Kuhlman	Jesse Johnson	Shirley Illg

**Salem Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

President David Lundin called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

OPENING PRAYER

Sarah Johnson provided the opening prayer.

ROLL CALL

Welcome Pastor Kae and the new youth representative Carleigh Kuhlman!

The following Council Members were present: Executive Committee – Pastor Kae Evenson, David Lundin, Kristy Johnson, and Keith Engstrom. Council Members – Suzanne Hulett, Donovan Erickson, Jesse Johnson, and Sarah Johnson. Youth Representative – Carleigh Kuhlman. Members absent – Beverly Ramey.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORTS

SECRETARY REPORT

The February Meeting Minutes were distributed via email and approved by Council on February 16, 2026.

The Special Congregation Minutes were distributed via email and approved by Council on February 23, 2026.

TREASURER/FINANCIAL REPORT

The February Financial report was distributed and reviewed. A motion to accept the report was made by Jesse Johnson and 2nd by Sarah Johnson. Motion carried.

SALEM/SILOA BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT

No requests for assistance were received during the past month. The current account balance is \$15,800. Benevolence Committee is providing snacks for Sparks and has offered to provide a meal the last night of Sparks.

PASTOR REPORT:

In addition to church services, Pastor Kae
attended the Women's Breakfast
attended the Men's Breakfast

conducted four home visits and made phone contact with several members

Pastor Kae will be using vacation time Thursday noon – Saturday afternoon this week, April 23 – 26, and May 16 – 18. Supply pastor recommendations made to Pastor Kae and emergency pastoral care coverage discussed.

There are two students for confirmation and four students will be taking their First Communion on Maundy Thursday.

Pastor Kae requested the baptismal font be moved to the sanctuary entry during the Lent season. Council discussed and approved.

Pastor Kae presented Council with her tentative schedule:

Monday – off

Tuesdays – Siloa

Wednesdays – Salem. On days with evening activities, come in at noon or so.

Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays – worship planning, visits, emails, calls, etc.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education & Youth - Brenna Johnson and Sarah Johnson

Request from Pastor Kae to purchase the curriculum "Free To Be" for confirmation.

Student books are \$15.99 and

Leader Book is \$14.99. Jesse Johnson made a motion to purchase the confirmation curriculum.

Kristy Johnson second.

Motion carried.

Sparks is being held during Lent on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. Last day of Sparks is May 20.

Parent's night out was held Feb 13th with 7 children and 4 youth in attendance. Free will offering of \$150 was donated to the Youth Fund.

Fellowship & Discipleship – Suzanne Hulett and Beverly Ramey

Soup suppers during lent will be held on March 11 and March 25 at Salem and March 18 at Siloa.

Easter Sunday schedule:

8:00 AM Breakfast hosted by Softball Teams, free will offering will support the teams

9:00 AM Worship Service

Property – David Lundin & Jesse Johnson

Email request to sand the parking lot at an approximate cost of \$150. Council approved via email on February 22, 2026.

Email request to replace four thermostats at an approximate cost of \$400. Council approved via email on February 15, 2026.

Pastor Kae's office was professionally cleaned.

Bev and Roger Larsen donated a wheelchair to the church.

Stewardship - Keith Engstrom

No report at this time

Worship & Music - Don Erickson

Pastor Kae will meet with the Worship & Music committee after Easter

Advertising for Holy Week Services has been taken care of

Palm Sunday is a 5th Sunday. There will be worship service at each church for Palm Sunday.

Discussion regarding 5th Sunday Services. Pastor Kae and Council prefer resuming 2 services.

Pastor Kae will discuss with Siloa at their next Council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS

Pastor Kae's installation is Sunday, May 10.

Bishop Jen will be preaching and Pastor Kae has requested pie during Fellowship time.

Lenten Service loose change designation.

Suzanne Hulett made a motion for Wednesday evening loose change offering to be split between the Cambridge and Princeton Food Shelves. Kristy Johnson second. Motion carried.

Offering envelopes

Discussion regarding number used and number needed. Discussed obtaining an accurate count prior to ordering for 2027.

Usher list

Usher list has not been sent in the Newsletter. Monthly leaders have not received the list and have not been reminding ushers of their Sundays.

The 2026 usher list will be included in the April Newsletter.

Request from Pastor Kae for moving expenses. Kristy Johnson made a motion to amend

Pastor Kae's current benefit package to 3 weeks' vacation and up to \$1675 for moving expenses.

Sarah Johnson second. Motion carried.

APRIL RESPONSIBILITIES – Jesse Johnson

CLOSING PRAYER – Pastor Kae

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Keith Engstrom, second by Carleigh Kuhlman, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesdays	12 noon Bulletin deadline
March 20	Newsletter articles & volunteer list due to Secretary (3rd Friday of the month)
March 11	Lent soup supper at 6:00 pm. Service at 7:00 pm at Salem
March 18	6:15 pm Sparks
March 18	Lent soup supper at 6:00 pm. Service at 7:00 pm at Siloa
March 25	Lent soup supper at 6:00 pm. Service at 7:00 pm at Salem
April 1	6:15 pm Sparks
April 2	7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service at Salem
April 3	7:00 pm Good Friday Service at Siloa
April 5	8:00 am Easter Breakfast
	9:00 am Easter Worship Service
April 8	6:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,
Suzanne Hulett for Beverly Ramey

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April 2026

- April 1 8:00 am- men's breakfast & bible study
10:00 am- admin office hours
12:00 pm- pastor office hours
- April 2 7:00 pm- maundy thursday service
- April 3 10:00 am- admin office hours
7:00 pm- good friday service (Siloa)
- April 7 8:00 am- women's breakfast (Park Café)
10:00 am- L Klobuchar Funeral
- April 8 8:00 am- men's breakfast & bible study
10:00 am- admin office hours
12:00 pm- pastor office hours
- April 10 10:00 am- admin office hours
- April 14 8:30 am- Bobbin Feeders
- April 18 8:00 am- men's breakfast & bible study
10:00 am- admin office hours
12:00 pm- pastor office hours
6:15 pm- SPARKS/Confirmation– start of confirmation
- April 24 10:00 am admin office hours
- April 28 8:30 am- Bobbin Feeders
- April 29 8:00 am- men's breakfast & bible study
10:00 am- admin office hours
12:00 pm- pastor office hours
- April 30 9:00 am- Swede's Breakfast (The Dusty Eagle)

2026
Ushers / Greeters

<i>Month</i>	<i>Team Members</i>	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>
January			
4th	* Keith Engstrom	Group Leader calls others & coordinates	763-360-2493
11th	Sean & Kara Eastlund		763-291-2987
18th	David & Bonnie Lundin		320-396-2808
25th	John Olson		763-246-8415
February			
1st	* Wanda Johnson	Includes Ash Wednesday & Lenter Services Group Leader calls others & coordinates	763-286-2775
8th	Cole & Lexi Shugren		763-843-8660
15th	Tim & Lana Carlson		763-691-5022
22nd	Cindy Johnson		763-670-1964
March			
1st	* Lyle & Pam Erickson	Includes Lenter Services Group Leader calls others & coordinates	763-689-5503
8th	Roger & Bev Larsen		763-689-4932
15th	Larry Lindquist		763-389-3269
22nd	Rosanna Kollman		763-689-3943
29th	Ken & Sharon Erickson		763-689-4770
April			
5th	* Gary & Pat Boser	Includes Lenten Service(s), Holy Week & Easter Group Leader calls others & coordinates	612-803-5104
12th	Amanda & Bev Ramey		763-389-1391
19th	Carl & Lora Westberg		763-689-6726
26th	Craig & Sandy Quale		763-389-5619
May			
3rd	Steve & Annie Johnson	Group Leader calls others & coordinates	763-300-1968
10th	William & Deb Alferness		763-389-5005
17th	Cindy Johnson		763-670-1964
24th	Lisa Johnson & Kyle Oeffling		763-689-6634
31st	Doug & Lina Latvala		763-477-1129
June			
7th	* Don & Gayle Erickson	Group Leader calls others & coordinates	612-702-4696
14th	Alaina & Chris Norby		763-742-4328
21st	Keith Engstrom		612-805-0978
28th	John Olson		763-246-8415
July			
5th	* Justin & Wendy Linder	Group Leader calls others & coordinates	763-486-6607
12th	Suzanne Hulett		763-670-5082
19th	Luther & Roxanne Carlson		763-439-4482
26th	Lyle & Pam Erickson		763-689-5503
August			
2nd	* Larry Lindquist	Group Leader calls others & coordinates	763-389-3269
9th	Jim & Kim Hansen		763-689-0061
16th	Sandy Holland		763-689-5591
23rd	Merlin & Carol Holland		763-689-2285
30th	Donna Anderson		763-689-3591
September			
6th	* Bob & Nola Smith	Group Leader calls others & coordinates	612-481-9431
13th	Don & Gayle Erickson		612-702-4696
20th	Wendy & Justin Linder		763-486-6607
27th	Ken & Sharon Erickson		763-689-4770
October			
4th	* Suzanne & Jeff Hulett	Group Leader calls others & coordinates	763-670-5082
11th	Lisa Johnson & Kyle Oeffling		763-689-6634
18th	Keith Johnson		612-221-4438
25th	Brad & Sara Benson		763-689-9702
November			
1st	* Don & Gayle Erickson	Group Leader calls others & coordinates	612-702-4696
8th	Kalli & Sally Shugren		763-689-2067
15th	Jesse & Kristy Johnson		763-639-4314
22nd	Brenna Johnson		612-849-3619
29th	Pete & Jen Shugren		763-300-9356
December			
6th	*Brad & Sandy Engbloom	Includes Blue Christmas, Christmas Eve, & Julotta Group Leader calls others & coordinates	763-360-4289
13th	Keith Engstrom		612-221-4438
20th	Randy & DeeDee Johnson		763-689-5346
27th	David & Bonnie Lundin		320-396-2808

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