

HARVEST MINISTRY NEWS LETTER

March 2021

Pastor's Corner

³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” – John 13:34-35

This March we will quietly pass the one year mark for “before and after” the COVID pandemic in terms the pandemic affecting our lives locally and changing how we worship as a people of God in the time and place. I don't think any of us could have predicted that we would be here a year later, nor what the past year looked like in so many different ways. And yet, now a year later as God's gift of science has made strides in both treatments and prevention we are returning s-l-o-w-l-y to something closer to “normal” in terms of what that looked like before March of 2020.

Our Lent and Easter refrain of “Again & Again” gives us the opportunity to reflect on all of those things that are both very different and much the same during this season. Again and again we turn to God in prayer and discipleship and proclaim that our hope is in the Lord. We will also make space for lament and all of the human emotions that come with such a year as at times we certainly do become weary of the world around us.

Our Maundy Thursday Call to Worship this year begins:
“Do you remember your last supper before the pandemic? The last meal you had out at a restaurant with friends? The last meal before fear and anxiety ran the conversation?”

If you had known it was your last, would you have lingered? Would you have ordered dessert? Would you have held your friends' hands and told them how much you loved them? If you had known, would you have washed their feet?”

- Written by Rev. Sarah Are for Sanctified Art

Maundy Thursday as Jesus gathered for what we now call “the last supper” with his disciples, it was a dividing line for these disciples that they would always look back on as “before that night” and “after that night.” Even more so perhaps than Jesus' death or resurrection that night when Jesus was taken into custody after feeding his

disciples, after washing their feet, and after praying for them, that is when the disciples could no longer deny what Jesus had tried to tell them about his death that was to come. There was a shift that came with that knowledge.

Although many have attempted to try practices to replace foot washing as a sign of that embodied love that Jesus showed on that night, I have yet to experience an alternative that is equally as powerful. Perhaps there is no equal act in today's culture. I have often thought that according to our definition of what a sacrament is (worldly elements, God's Word, and a command to do it) that foot washing would be considered a sacrament, and yet we rarely see churches washing feet, even on Maundy Thursday, and certainly not each week like Holy Communion is practiced. So, how do we actively love one another today?

This question of loving God and loving our neighbors is the faithful question that we continue to ask each day as disciples of Christ and also each time we gather as a faith community. And this Lent and Easter season we ask it Again & Again as we return to our spiritual disciplines once again, and remember that no matter what happened last year nor what happens this year we are held together in God's faithful love. God's love does not depend on us. God's love remains steadfast even when all else seems to be changing around us. May you remain confident in God's steadfast love today and always.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Tami Groth

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HARVEST MINISTRY NEWS

Harvest Ministry Council
February 4, 2021

The February meeting of Harvest Ministry met at Salem with the following members present: Cheryl Todd, Annie Albers, Janet Byers, Marci Schemmel and Pastor Tami.

Devotions were lead by Pastor Tami from Galations 6:8 along with Prayer for the Hopeful.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by Janet Byers with Cheryl making a motion to approve the minutes with Marci seconded the motion. All approved.

Treasurers report was read by Chair Annie as follows:

Beginning Balance: \$15,146.17

Income: \$7,699.27

Expenses: \$6,816.75

Ending Balance: \$16,028.69

Janet made a motion to approve the report with Marci 2nd the motion. All Approve.

Pastor was absent for her report.

Old Business: Old bill from Weiland Accounting – waiting to hear back from them.

Paycheck Protection Program Application has opened up again Chair Annie will contact Brian Aman to reapply.

New Business:

HM Mail is currently delivered to Salem. The council would like informed on the process Janet has volunteered to find out for HM. How to increase the attendance for services was discussed along with our 1 year and 5 year plan.

The next meeting will be March 2 @ 6:30 at St. John's.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Byers, secretary

Harvest Ministry Community Prayer List (at time of printing):

Jamie Mohr Ummach, Connie Dau, Danelle Sullivan, John (Buck) Jacobs, Jean Jensen, Roger Reinking, Nancy Merkel, Cohen Stoermer, Frank Huth, and Alissa Meyer.

Prayer list open to anyone and updated as information is shared (list frequently changes after the newsletter is published). Please contact Pastor Tami directly to request pastoral care visits.

Please keep our homebound members in prayer including those in facilities:

Correctionville Specialty Care: LaVinna Wiese

Whispering Creek in Sioux City: Wilma Bollin

The Beck, Cherokee: Betty Stoneking

The Gardens Assisted Living, Cherokee: Frank Huth

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Again & Again We Draw on Courage is our theme for Palm/Passion Sunday on March 28th

For more daily and weekly themes, I invite you to follow along online. Posts will be shared near daily on the Harvest Ministry Facebook page (public) at:

<https://www.facebook.com/harvestministrychurches>

We will also share more detailed devotions, open questions for discussions and provide printable resources for individuals and families on our private group created for this purpose:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/438361400693989>

If you need help finding either of these online resources, message Pastor Tami Groth at 608.385.9848 or via FB, or email at Tami.HarvestMinistries@gmail.com

Other worship Notes:

- St. John worship services live streamed & recordings found at: <http://www.facebook.com/stjohncushing>
- Salem worship services live steamed & recordings found at: <https://www.facebook.com/salemcorrectionville>
- **IF you would like to receive the worship guide via email directly, please send an email with that request to: Tami.HarvestMinistries@gmail.com**
- Announcements, Reminders and more at: <https://www.facebook.com/harvestministrychurches/>

Reaching Pastor Tami in case of emergencies:

When in need of pastoral care, especially emergency pastoral care (for example: hospitalization, natural disaster, auto or other accident, transition to a different nursing facility or hospice care) please call Pastor Tami first. If pastor is unable to answer, please call TWICE in a row (during meetings her phone is appropriately silenced or on “do not disturb” and two calls in a row get her attention and deactivate “do not disturb”) AND THEN LEAVE A MESSAGE IF PASTOR IS UNABLE TO ANSWER. If you prefer, you can also send two text messages in a row to achieve the same result.

IF Pastor is unable to return your call quickly, then please call Janelle as the Care Coordinator (that is what the position is for). She will know either how to reach Pastor Tami or who to call while she is unreachable. Only if you, again after trying twice to reach Janelle, are unable to reach either of them or leave a message, should you THEN go on to call a council member. This is because a council member will likely not have information to help you unless Pastor has announced time away and has forwarded who is overseeing emergency pastoral care situations to the entire council. *This has been the existing policy for Harvest Ministry and streamlines communication efficiently. Just as pastors were not always reachable before cell phones existed there may be times still when there is a delay in response for various reasons (including screening calls during Sabbath hours); however, if you leave messages for Pastor Tami and/or our care coordinator, Janelle Lewis, they will get back to you as soon as possible.*

Harvest Ministry Care Coordinator:

Janelle Lewis serves as Care Coordinator. Pastor Tami will works closely with her to coordinate schedules as well as to be sure she has information regarding which area pastors are available to cover emergency pastoral care needs when Pastor is away.

You can contact Janelle on her cell phone at: 712.389.0199



HARVEST MINISTRY NEWS

Lent 2021 – We invite you to worship – AGAIN & AGAIN

This reference for the season of Lent may be helpful for you to pull out and keep as a handy reference as to when and where our special worship services are. Sunday worship themes and scripture are also included for reference. Devotionals and other resources are available to use this season, please contact Pastor Tami or a council member. Online worship opportunities will be available for each of these services just as has become the practice at each congregation. *WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICES WILL BE LIVE STREAMED FROM THE HARVEST MINISTRY FB page.* Worship at home resources are also available for Ash Wednesday and Holy Week services.

2ND WEDNESDAY IN LENT, MARCH 3RD

AGAIN & AGAIN, WE ARE CALLED TO LISTEN

MARK 8:31-9:8 | PSALM 22:23-31

Be Thou My Vision

7 pm Worship @St John

3RD SUNDAY IN LENT, MARCH 7TH

GOD SEEKS US AGAIN AND AGAIN

Luke 15:1-32 | Psalm 119:167-176

3RD WEDNESDAY IN LENT, MARCH 10TH

AGAIN & AGAIN, WE ARE SHOWN THE WAY

JOHN 2:13-22 | 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-25

God of Grace and God of Glory

7 pm Worship @Salem

4TH SUNDAY IN LENT, MARCH 14TH

GOD SUSTAINS THE WEAK AGAIN AND AGAIN

Luke 16:19-31 | Psalm 41:1-3

4TH WEDNESDAY IN LENT, MARCH 17TH

AGAIN & AGAIN, GOD LOVES FIRST

JOHN 3:14-21 | EPHESIANS 2:1-10

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

7 pm Worship @St John

5TH SUNDAY IN LENT, MARCH 21ST

GOD IS MERCIFUL AGAIN AND AGAIN

Luke 18:31—19:10 | Psalm 84:1-4, 10-12

5TH WEDNESDAY IN LENT, MARCH 24TH

AGAIN & AGAIN, WE ARE REFORMED

JOHN 12:20-33 | JEREMIAH 31:31-34

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

7 pm Worship @Salem

PALM / PASSION SUNDAY, MARCH 28TH

AGAIN & AGAIN, WE DRAW ON COURAGE

Luke 19:29-44 | Psalm 118:19-23

Passion readings from the gospel of Luke

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 1ST

AGAIN & AGAIN, WE ARE HELD TOGETHER

John 13:1-17, 31b-35 (& additional readings)

6 pm @St John; 7:30 @ Salem

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2ND

AGAIN & AGAIN, WE FIND OURSELVES HERE

Stations of the Cross Worship Service

7 pm @St. John

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4TH

THE SUN RISES AGAIN & AGAIN

Processional Gospel reading: Mark 16:1-8;

Worship readings:

Luke 24:1-12 | Psalm 118:17, 21-24

Easter comes to us, again and again, even if we don't know what to make of God's resurrection ways. Again and again, the sun rises. And some days, that is enough.

Stewardship in a Time of Pandemic

During this ongoing time of being church together while apart, we continue to emphasize that the financial cost of answering God's call as a congregation remains nearly identical to previous years. We ask you to prayerfully consider how you can steward the resources you have been entrusted with while supporting your congregation at this time. If you are already tithing your income, perhaps you will be able to also tithe any economic govt. stimulus you receive or make other additional gifts. If you are not yet tithing, perhaps now is the time to begin

Any offerings made by check can either be mailed directly to the church address or given to a council member / financial secretary. This may also be the time when you would prefer to give electronically. Both churches are now set up to receive donations via tithe.ly online or via the app. At any time you can go to: https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithe/give and search for either St. John, Cushing or Salem, Correctionville and give a one time or reoccurring donation.

I invite you prayerfully consider your offering each time you join in virtual worship with our community just as you do each time you worship with us in our church buildings.

HARVEST MINISTRY NEWS

again & again, god loves first (*4TH Week of Lent focus*)

If you hold a newborn in your arms,
All at once you will understand
The crook of your elbow
And the cup of your palm
As never before—
Ordinary curves of the body
Transformed into a resting space.
You were designed for love.

And if you're lucky enough
To hold a newborn in your arms,
And that newborn curls
Its tiny fingers around yours,
Making your hands look
Like the hands of a giant—
Then time might stand still,
And those around you might point and say,
“Look! That little one is holding you back.”

And in that moment,
If you pay attention,
You will catch a glimpse
Of the circle that love was meant to be.
God is love,
Our resting place.
With small hands,
We hold back.

--Written by Rev. Sarah Are for Sanctified Art

Words of Assurance for Holy Week

Jesus knew that Peter would deny.
He knew that Judas would betray,
And he knew the disciples would hide in fear.
And still—*and still*—he invited them in.
He washed their feet, and he fed them.

Friends, we worship the living Christ
Whose love shocks, surprises, and far exceeds our understanding of love.
So may this story remind us:
No matter who we are,
No matter where we go,
No matter how great our mistakes or regrets are in life,
We will always be invited in and held together by the Living God.
Again and again and again, we are forgiven.
Again and again and again, we are held. Amen.

--Written by Rev. Sarah Are for Sanctified Art

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION FOR HOLY WEEK

Jesus of Nazareth,
If the disciples had known
That the last supper would be their last meal with you
Before the crucifixion, I bet they would have listened differently.
I bet they would have put down their arguments,
And leaned in with their whole bodies.
I bet they would have asked questions
And halted the small talk.
I bet they would have taken notes and hung on your every word.
Jesus of Nazareth, I want to listen like that.
I want to listen like tonight might be the last time you speak.
I want to listen like everything could change tomorrow.
I want to listen like my soul depends on it.
So gracious God, clear away anything in me that might distract.
Clear away anything in me that might hinder my hearing and receiving of your word.
I am listening.
We are listening.
With hope and honesty we pray.
Amen.

Being Present to Suffering

“Were you there when they crucified my Lord?” asks the hymn. As we enter into John’s gospel for Good Friday, this is a good question. How are we “there”? How are we present to Jesus’ suffering and death—in our hearts and minds, our communities, and our world? What is the meaning of his suffering and death for us? Good Friday worship invites us into such questions and through them forms our faith and guides our lives toward compassion. Traditions such as the Way of the Cross enable people to imagine themselves present with Jesus in his last hours before death.

In Good Friday worship, we accompany Jesus to the cross with other witnesses who show various ways of being present—or not. A fearful Peter denies Jesus. A group of women keep watch and weep for Jesus on the cross. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus take care of his lifeless body. Watching, weeping, caring, and even denying are all common human responses to suffering. Becoming aware of our own witness and responses, we can be present more compassionately to Christ crucified, wherever and whenever we encounter him in suffering and injustice.

Even as we consider how to “be there” in the face of suffering, we know that, as always, Jesus has gone first. The reading from Isaiah reminds us how Jesus, through his death, is present with us in *our* suffering. We can trust that wherever we go and whatever we go through, Jesus is “there”; he can “sympathize with our weaknesses” (Heb. 4:15). We know that we are not alone in our own suffering and death, and we consider what to do now with that knowledge. Good Friday draws us into a community that wonders together: how can we be “there” with Christ crucified in our world and share the hope of resurrection in such places?

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March 2021, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story **March is National Professional Social Work Month**

March is National Professional Social Work Month, a time to recognize social workers and thank them for all they do. At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we are grateful for the many social workers who have dedicated their lives to serving our communities across the state!

Maybe you have never had a social worker involved in your life. Yet, whether you realize it or not, you have had the benefit of their behind-the-scenes work in your community. Social workers help people help themselves by overcoming life's most difficult circumstances or managing challenges of everyday living: poverty, abuse, mental illness, depression, addiction, disability, and many other situations.

Iowa wouldn't be the same without the patience, guidance, and empowerment that social workers provide. Happy National Professional Social Work Month!

For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at LSIowa.org and facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

A Path to Hope and Healing

Mike remembers feeling angry and depressed, and his family was at risk of falling apart. When he decided to start Therapy Services with LSI, he questioned the decision. Therapy wasn't easy and when he missed an appointment, he didn't want to go back.

But through working with his LSI therapist, Sherry, for the past several months, he has found ways to grow and heal. During each session, Sherry is there to listen without judgement, and she provides a listening ear for anything Mike wants to talk about. At the end, Mike is always given a type of homework or a lesson to think about until they meet again.

While they originally began meeting in person, Sherry has continued to be available through virtual therapy throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. The virtual sessions ensure Sherry and Mike can continue meeting regularly, on a flexible schedule and from the safety of their own homes.

"Thank God for working through LSI in-person and through telehealth, and especially for Sherry, who helps people like myself who have been lost for years. If I hadn't chosen LSI, I wouldn't have met my therapist who has truly helped me keep my family and stay alive," Mike says. "I look back at the progress I have made and see some light peeking through to the end."

SALEM NEWS

March Service Helpers

Deacon and Trustee and Communion Assistants:

Deacon: Kevin Byers

Trustee: Brent Reinking

Prayers for Salem families and friends:

3/7/21 - Dianne Sargisson; Kevin, Missy, Madison, Mashayla and Maleah Sargisson

3/14/21 - Kyle, Jamie, Kylie and Easton Sargisson; Leland Sargisson; Stephanie Schwartz; Lowell Sggerman

3/21/21 - Karl, Wendy, Hanna and Faith Seggerman; Tim, Heather, Sausha and Sonia Shea

3/28/21 - Brian, Stacey, Amber and Ashlyn Meadows; Rev. Scott and Kim Meier



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March Birthday

1 Danielle Smith
3 Sara Meissner
7 Dhanashree Reinking
8 Dan Grabe
10 Claire Peschau
10 Maggie Peschau
11 Kevin Byers
18 Alyssa Krier
19 Wilma Bollin
24 Jacob Fouts
25 John Hoppe
27 Pamela Bottorff
29 Sara Linn
29 Allie Townsend

Offering for February

\$1829.00

HOLY WEEK FOR KIDS!

We will tell and celebrate the stories of Holy Week using age-appropriate activities (pre-school and up) on the evening of **Wednesday March 31st at Salem from 6 to 7:30 pm.**

Small groups of kids will rotate through different story and activity stations in order to hear, see, experience, and create memories to last into their own future about the Passion of Christ that we celebrate on Holy Week.

Please help us spread the word & please join us with your children or grandchildren on March 31st!

SALEM'S DRIVE THRU CHICKEN DINNER

***Sponsored by the
Salem Lutheran Fellowship Group***

***Salem Lutheran Church
1391 Lee Ave, Rural Correctionville***

West of Correctionville on Hwy 20 then north on Hwy L21 (Lee Ave) for 1.5 miles or west of Pierson on D12 and 3 miles south on Hwy L21 (Lee Ave)

***Questions? Call (712) 375-5351 the
day of the event***

***SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2021
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM***

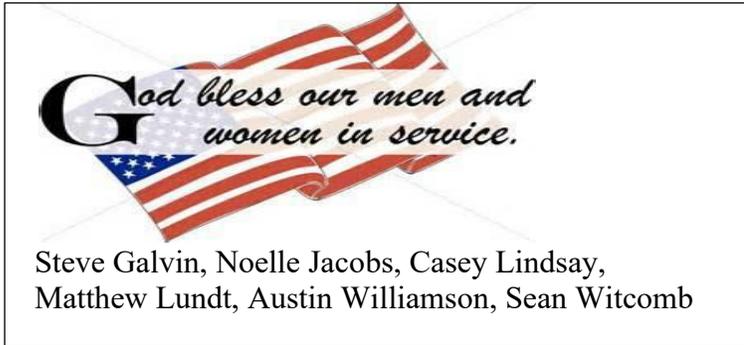
ALL MEALS-\$10.00

**SERVING CHICKEN, MASHED POTATOES &
GRAVY, COLE SLAW, CORN, BREAD & DESSERT**

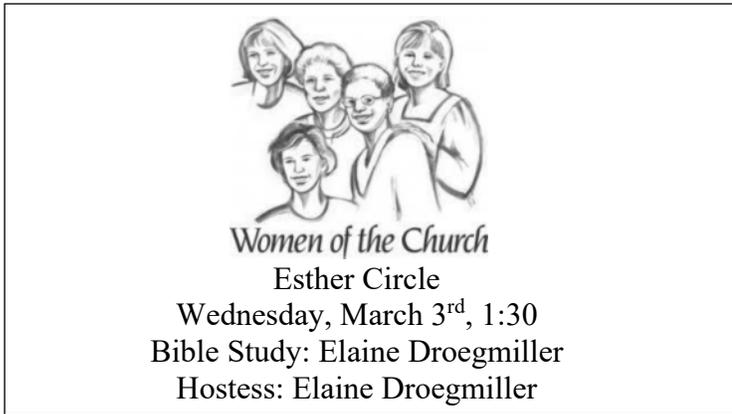


March

Lector: Ryan Family
Ushers: Church Council
Altar Care: Elaine Droegmiller & Tammy Porter



Steve Galvin, Noelle Jacobs, Casey Lindsay, Matthew Lundt, Austin Williamson, Sean Witcomb



Women of the Church
 Esther Circle
 Wednesday, March 3rd, 1:30
 Bible Study: Elaine Droegmiller
 Hostess: Elaine Droegmiller

Women's General Meeting
March 17th @ 1:30
Curly Kruse "Gardening Tales"
 Hostess: Cheryl Todd
 Stewardship Project: Stewardship Eggs



The ladies are quilting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month starting at 9:00. Anyone interested in helping is welcomed.

March Birthdays

- 2 Shaeley Wiig
- 3 Russ Henrichsen
- 6 Bob Heilman
- 9 Tamara Heck
- 12 Ann Albers
Marcia Jensen
Lon Wilde
- 13 Jim Cunningham
- 14 Zane Forbes
- 17 Lillian Rohlk
- 19 Marilyn Kurtz
- 20 Nash Banwart
Preslie Deeds
- 20 Cheyanne Porter
- 22 Gale Heyer
Kari Ludvigson
Jim Porter
- 25 Park Ludvigson
- 26 Travis Deeds
- 27 Lisa Johnson

March Anniversary

- 14 Michelle & Stewart Bibby
- 20 Danny & Michelle Volkert
- 25 Ann & Tom Roughton
- 28 Michael & Kerry Croxell



We extend our sympathy the family of John (Buck) Jacobs at the death of his father John Sr. on February 9th

We also extend our sympathy to Elaine Droegmiller and family at the death of her sister Glenda, February 20th

St. John Lutheran Church Council Minutes

February 15, 2021

Call to Order: President Marshall Lundt called the meeting to order at 6:43 p.m.

Members present: Marshall Lundt, Lana Lundt, Jim Albers, John Heilman, Trey Heilman, and Jessica Baldwin

Devotions: Lana Lundt led us in prayer.

Additions to the Agenda: Book purchase discussion, Future of the Church

Secretary's Report: Minutes approved as read. John made a motion to approve, Jim 2nd.

Treasurer's Report: Approved as presented. YTD balances are as follows: church checking account - \$11,233.89, building fund - \$22,417.95, and church savings – \$40,008.26, church expenses January \$6634.15, church income January \$4322.56.

Pastor's Report: No report, Pastor not present.

Committee Reports:

Harvest Ministry: No new information

Worship: Lenten Service will be Wednesday night, Feb 17th.

Education: Pastor sent out a text to start back up with Joyful Noise the end of March and possible Easter Pageant. May discuss meeting at a new time/day to include more families.

Task Force: Nothing to report.

Business:

1. **Stair Carpet:** CBS needs to come and measure.

2. **Annual Meeting discussion:** All felt meeting went well, met quorum with 25 plus present.

3. **Putting Cushions in pews-** Everyone agreed this could be done, was to be put in the un-taped of pews after council meeting

4. **Approve Annie Albers to Harvest Ministry council:** Discussed and Lana made motion to approve, Marshall 2nd.

5. **River Valley after prom donation \$50 from Sunday School account:** discussion was held and approved, Marshall made motion, Jim 2nd

6. **Pastor book purchase:** Brief discussion held, agreed if Harvest Ministry decided not to purchase, we wouldn't either.

7. **Future of our Church:** tabled until next meeting.

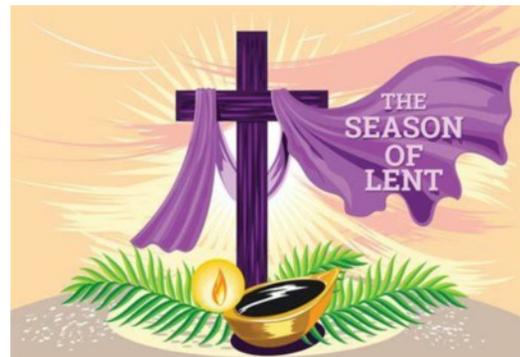
Next Meeting: March 15, 2021 at 6:30 pm

Adjournment: John made a motion to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Lana seconded. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Council Secretary, Jess Baldwin

Worship Assistants 20212022

Anyone interested in volunteering to be a lay reader for the coming year starting in March please contact Elaine at the church office, let her know what weeks of month would work for you. There is also a signup sheet on the table at the back of the church.
Thankyou



Lenten Service Schedule
March 3rd 7:00 @ St John
March 10th 7:00 @ Salem
March 17th 7:00 @ St John
March 24th 7:00 @ Salem



Holy Week Services w/Holy Communion
6:00 @ Salem
7:30 @ St John

ST. JOHN WOMEN of the ELCA

February 24, 2021

The Women of St. John met on Wednesday, February 24, at 1:45 pm. 12 members were present. President Cheryl Todd introduced Sheila O'Connell, Branch Coordinator and trainer for 35 United Banks in Iowa. She presented how UNB is protecting your monies in their bank. When at Heritage Bank in early 2000, they laughed because of training of what to do if there was a Pandemic. Forward to 2020, they no longer were amused. She informed us of the frauds that could happen- 25.1 billion in 2018, IRS scams: they will never call you. Grandparent scams- You are to wire money. Talk to your banker before doing that. There are computer scams. Do not act quickly. If you don't initiate it, don't do it. Identity theft; check your credit card statement and bank statements for unknown acts. Be aware. Thank you, Sheila, for a very rewarding meeting.

After the program Ruth Durham served a chocolate dessert.

President Cheryl Todd opened the meeting at 3:15. The minutes were read and approved. Treasurer Sandra John gave her report. Bal. 12/31/2020- \$691.19. Income- \$42.00. Expenses- \$15.00. Bal. 1/31/2020- \$718.19. A motion to approve the report was made by Lorraine Jepsen and seconded by Geri Susie. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

- Thank yours were received for our gifts from MOSAIC, Food Bank of Siouxland, Anne Carlson House, and LSI.
- A thank you was received from Shelley Cullen for the quilts we sent.

Old Business: None

New Business: Mention was made of World Day of Prayer. Alice Volkert reported she had given 60 mittens and 25 caps to RV Elem. in October.

The next meeting is March 17. Curly Kruse will present program, " Gardening Tales." Cheryl Todd is hostess.

Sandra read devotions. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Ruth Durham, secretary.



**Early Bird Deadline
March 1st!**

**Youth Camp
Information!**

COVID-19 and CAMP

Safety has always been the top priority for all of our campers at IOLBC. As we look towards this summer, we are learning from other camps both regionally and nationally who successfully held camp last summer without COVID outbreaks. One thing we can tell you for sure, we plan to OUTSIDE as much as possible this summer!

So, if your kid is in desperate need of a week without screens, camp is the place to be!

UPDATE: St John Annual Chicken Dinner will not be held this spring. We plan to have the Chicken Dinner in September like last year. Information will come later this year. ThankYou for your support!

TO: Area Churches
FROM: Julie Colling, Housing/Energy Services Director
DATE: February 18, 2021
RE: Fuel Assistance for Low-Income Households

Our outreach staff is accepting applications by appointment only for our Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LiHEAP) until April 30, 2021. We would appreciate your help by posting a notice in your bulletins or newsletters to help make households aware of this program. Below is a release for your use.

Thank you in advance for your help! If you have any questions concerning this program, feel free to contact me at 712-786-3415.

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Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc. to HELP WITH HEATING BILLS

The Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LiHEAP) offered through **Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc.** may be able to help you pay your winter heating bill. This program is funded through the Iowa Department of Human Rights and has been established to help qualified low-income Iowa homeowners and renters pay for a portion of their primary heating costs.

Your local Mid-Sioux office will be taking applications through April 30, 2021. Each applicant will need to furnish a copy of their most recent heating and electric bill, original Social Security or I-94 card for each household member, and proof of the household's income for the past month (30 days), the past twelve (12) months, or the most recent calendar year (tax return: 19 or 20). Eligibility for participation is established according to the federal income guidelines listed at the right. Applicants eligible for an award will be paid on a first come, first served basis, and all payments are subject to availability of funds.

<u>MAXIMUM GROSS INCOME</u>	
HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ANNUAL INCOME
1	\$22,330
2	\$30,170
3	\$38,010
4	\$45,850
5	\$53,690

For families with more than five members, add \$7,840 for each additional member.

Due to Covid-19 we will only be taking applications by phone or mail.
 Please call one of the numbers listed below or 800-859-2025 to schedule an appointment.

Please call your local outreach office for an appointment to apply for LiHEAP:

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St John Easter Lily Order

Order today! **Deadline is March 17th**

Name: _____

____ 5-7 Bloom Lily (does not include foil & bow) \$14.00

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In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Cost is \$14.00 without foil & bow or 16.00 with foil and bow. This cost includes tax. Please mark on order form and mail order blank and check made payable to St. John to the church or you may put it in offering plate at the back of the church marked for Easter Lily. They will be delivered to the church for Easter and you may take them home following Easter service.

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 Alter Care: Tammy Porter &
 Elaine Droegmiller

March 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 6:30 Harvest Ministry Meeting @St John	3 1:30 Esther Circle 4:15 Confirmation 7:00 Lenten Worship @St John	4	5	6
7 9:00 Worship w/HC 10:00 Fellowship	8	9	10 9:00 Quilting 4:15 Confirmation 7:00 Lenten Service @ Salem	11	12	13
14 9:00 Worship w/HC 10:00 Fellowship	15 Church Council meets @ 6:30	16	17 1:30 Women's General Meeting 4:15 Confirmation 7:00 Lenten Service @ St John	18	19	20
21 9:00 Worship w/HC 10:00 Fellowship	22	23	24 9:00 Quilting 4:15 Confirmation 7:00 Lenten Service @ Salem	25	26	27
28 PALM/PASSION SUNDAY 9:00 Worship w/HC 10:00 Fellowship	29	30	31	St John Contact Info: Marshall Lundt, Council President: 712 389-1288 Pastor Tami: 608 385-9848; email: tami.Harvestministries@gmail.com Newsletter contact info: Elaine Droegmiller/ Church Secretary 384-2545 email: stjohnluthean@schallertel.net		

March 2021 - Salem

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Chicken Dinner March 21	1 Pastor's Tami's Sabbath	2 HM Council Mtg @ St John @ 6:30	3 2 nd Wednesday in Lent @ St John @ 7pm	4	5	6
7 3 rd Sunday in Lent Fellowship 9:30 10:30 Worship in Sanctuary @ Salem	8 Pastor's Tami's Sabbath	9	10 3 rd Wednesday in Lent @ Salem @ 7pm	11	12	13
14 4 th Sunday in Lent Fellowship 9:30 10:30 Worship in Sanctuary @ Salem	15 Pastor's Tami's Sabbath	16	17 4 th Wednesday in Lent @ St John @ 7pm	18	19	20 Newsletter Items Due
21 5 th Sunday in Lent Fellowship 9:30 10:30 Worship in Sanctuary @ Salem	22 Pastor's Tami's Sabbath	23	24 5 th Wednesday in Lent @ Salem @ 7pm	25	26	27
28 Palm Sunday Fellowship 9:30 10:30 Worship in Sanctuary @ Salem	29 Pastor's Tami's Sabbath	30	31 Holy Week for Kids 6:30 - 7:00 @ Salem	Salem Contact Info Kent Herbold.....712-260-2395 Council President Newsletter Contact Clark Byers Email cabetal@wiatel.net Salem Lutheran Web Site: http://salemlutheraniowa.com/ For additions to the bulletin contact Pastor Tami by Thursday at tami.harvestministries@gmail.com Text or call: 608.385.9848		

Daily Lectionary and Bible Readings for March 2021

Read assigned scriptures, taking time for meditation after each. Then, offer personal prayers/petitions. Close with the Lord's Prayer.

3/1 - M: Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45; Genesis 21:1-7; Hebrews 1:8-12

3/2 - Tu: Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45; Genesis 22:1-19; Hebrews 11:1-3, 13-19

3/3 - W: Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45; Jeremiah 30:12-22; John 12:36-43

3/4 - Th: Psalm 19; Exodus 19:1-9a; 1 Peter 2:4-10

3/5 - F: Psalm 19; Exodus 19:9b-15; Acts 7:30-40

3/6 - Sa: Psalm 19; Exodus 19:16-25; Mark 9:2-8

3/7 - Su: Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

3/8 - M: Psalm 84; 1 Kings 6:1-4, 21-22; 1 Corinthians 3:10-23

3/9 - Tu: Psalm 84; 2 Chronicles 29:1-11, 16-19; Hebrews 9:23-28

3/10 - W: Psalm 84; Ezra 6:1-16; Mark 11:15-19

3/11 - Th: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Genesis 9:8-17; Ephesians 1:3-6

3/12 - F: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Daniel 12:5-13; Ephesians 1:7-14

3/13 - Sa: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Numbers 20:22-29; John 3:1-13

3/14 - Su: Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

3/15 - M: Psalm 107:1-16; Exodus 15:22-27; Hebrews 3:1-6

3/16 - Tu: Psalm 107:1-16; Numbers 20:1-13; 1 Corinthians 10:6-13

3/17 - W: Psalm 107:1-16; Isaiah 60:15-22; John 8:12-20

3/18 - Th: Psalm 51:1-12; Isaiah 30:15-18; Hebrews 4:1-13

3/19 - F: Psalm 51:1-12; Exodus 30:1-10; Hebrews 4:14—5:4

3/20 - Sa: Psalm 51:1-12; Habakkuk 3:2-13; John 12:1-11

3/21 - Su: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12 *or* Psalm 119:9-16; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

3/22 - M: Psalm 119:9-16; Isaiah 43:8-13; 2 Corinthians 3:4-11

3/23 - Tu: Psalm 119:9-16; Isaiah 44:1-8; Acts 2:14-24

3/24 - W: Psalm 119:9-16; Haggai 2:1-9, 20-23; John 12:34-50

3/25 - Th: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Deuteronomy 16:1-8; Philippians 2:1-11

3/26 - F: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Jeremiah 33:1-9; Philippians 2:12-18

3/27 - Sa: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Jeremiah 33:10-16; Mark 10:32-34, 46-52

3/28 - Su: Mark 11:1-11 *or* John 12:12-16; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1—15:47 *or* Mark 15:1-39 [40-47]

3/29 - M: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11

3/30 - Tu: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm

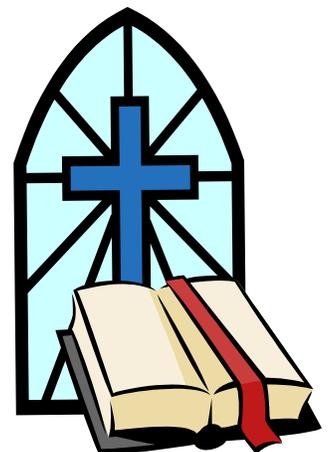
71:1-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36

3/31 - W: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70; Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-32

A Daily Ritual: Make the sign of the cross, saying: "In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen." Light a Candle, if so desired. Then say one of the two prayers below:

Luther's Morning Prayer: "I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your Dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger: and I pray that you would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your Holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen"

Luther's Evening Prayer: "I Thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your Dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day: and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands, I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen."



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