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Easter at Salem

Easter offers an opportunity for worship, reflection and celebration. The turn of the season from Lent to Easter is a dramatic change. Come join in a blessed, joyful and amazing reminder of the resurrection as the chancel is transformed into a bright, flower-filled splendor of Easter's glory. This Easter let us revel in God's amazing grace!

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1
WORSHIP: *NEW TIMES!* - 7AM & 9:30AM

EASTER BREAKFAST: 8AM-9:15AM

EASTER EGG HUNT: 10:30AM
(immediately after 9:30am worship)

Thank you for the Easter Flowers

85 spring flowers adorned Salem's sanctuary for Easter Sunday. The flowers in the Garden of Remembrance and Faith were given in memory and/or honor of loved ones and their names will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

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Worship With Us!

Easter Sunday
7:00am and 9:30am

Easter Breakfast
8:00am-9:15am

Easter Egg Hunt
following 9:30am worship

nursery provided

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The Future Calls!

Pastor's Page

Pastor Elise Rothfusz

While we may think of Jesus' death and resurrection as past events, their impact is actually the power of the future coming into our daily lives, and the whole world. When Jesus was raised from the dead, the future of the world changed. Death was no longer final. And Christ's own resurrection set in motion new life for all creation.

Paul writes in Romans that all creation is groaning, waiting for renewal. Paul also reminds believers that we do not grieve as those who have no hope. We grieve, yes. But not without hope that there is more than we see with our eyes.

The future is held by Jesus and lays claim in our lives. We are not held in bondage to death, to despair or to our history. There is always new life around the bend through the power of Jesus.

And this informs our daily living. What we were yesterday isn't who we are destined to be tomorrow (praise be to God!); when faced with death - our own or a loved one - we need not fear, for it is not an end.

This is the news we have to share with the world. For our neighbors who dwell in grief, for those who struggle we, the body of Christ, are hope embodied. When we live with hope, with a sense that our future is in the hands of God, we are free - to love, to serve, to grow, to be renewed and when we live out that calling we make a difference in the lives of those around us. Our call as individuals and as Salem Lutheran is to advertise this good news to the world, and most specifically to our neighbors. How does knowing Jesus and the promise of resurrection shape your life? Write it down; practice saying it, and then when your friend wants to know why you are a Christian, you have an answer. Then, when you feel discouraged, remind yourself that life is renewed by the power of Christ's resurrection.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for

- The men and women of our armed forces
- Families at Crittenton Center
- Midwest Food Bank
- Children of Guatemala
- Walt Anderson
- Natalee Arff
- Bob Baker and his family
- Bob's family
- Bob and Sheryl
- Brianna
- Ursula Coyle
- Stephanie Dammann's grandfather
- Pastor Wm. Dohle, his family, and the congregation of St. Paul Lutheran
- Keith Grimm
- Ron Hipple
- Amy Hoffman
- Jean Huprich and family
- Jill
- Helen Johnson (mother of Joan Creager)
- Marilyn (friend of Carol Adams)
- Bill Mettam
- Dr. Rick O'Connor
- Dave Nixon
- Mary Rothfusz
- Sophie T.
- Cindy Turner
- Tyth going through chemo
- Baby Walter
- Jean and Frank Yancick

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Sunday, March 25: 208

The *Bugle* deadline for the **April 6** edition is **Tuesday, April 3** at noon.

Pastoral Emergency Number:
In case of emergency a pastor is available at: 309-679-7708

DISCIPLESHIP

Spring Work Day

Thank you for helping to keep our church in great shape! Fuel up with breakfast at 7:30am, work starts at 8am and finishes at noon. Men, women, Kappa Chi and other family members are welcome to volunteer. Sign-up is available online (www.salemofpeoria.com/spring-work-day) or preference cards will be available in your bulletin on **April 8**. Thank you for your advance sign-up so leaders may organize our tasks for the morning.

Women Of Salem Spring Luncheon

Springtime... time to think about planting flowers and the Women of Salem Spring Luncheon. This year's luncheon will be a salad potluck with a program about what, when and how to plant your springtime flowers. Women are invited to bring a salad to share (but not necessary to bring a salad to attend); please indicate on the sign-up sheet if you will be bringing one. The program will be a presentation by Master Gardener, Lee Maki (Kim Ascherl's father). The luncheon will be on **Sunday, April 22** following second service, and sign-ups begin on April 1 at the Welcome Center.

Salem Youth to Receive First Communion

On Maundy Thursday (March 29) marked the night in which Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The service was especially significant for eight of Salem's younger members, as they received their First Communion. Having participated in a two-session class that explored the history and benefits of this sacrament, these youth will say "amen" to God's promise of forgiveness, eternal life, and the blessings of being part of the body of Christ and the mission we share!

We celebrate with the following students, and their families, on this important milestone: Audrey Aprahamian, Liam Cochran, Ellen Forkell, Isaac Hartman, Jaxon Howard, Emily Peterson, Tate Sansale, and Julia Wallstedt.

THIS WEEK

SUN., APR 1

Easter Sunday

7AM & 9:30AM - Worship

SUN., APR 1: 8AM-9:15AM

Easter Breakfast

SUN., APR 1: 9:30AM

Easter Egg Hunt

MON., APR 2

Office Closed

TUES., APR 3: 9AM

Rebecca Circle

TUES., APR 3: 10AM

Staff Meeting

TUES., APR 3: 7PM

Council Meeting

WED., APR 4: 8AM

Men's Prayer Breakfast

WED., APR 4: 9:30AM

Quilters

WED., APR 4: 7PM

Serendipity

THURS., APR 5: 9:30AM

Bible Study

THURS., APR 5: 7PM

Sanctuary Choir

SUN., APR 8

Fair Trade Sunday

8AM & 10:45AM - Worship

SUN., APR 8: 9:15AM

Education Hour

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APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	We
1 **Easter Sunday** 7am: Worship 8am-9:15am: Easter Sunday Breakfast 9:30am: Worship 10:30am: Easter Egg Hunt (after 9:30am Worship)	**2** 9:30am: TOPS Meeting	**3** 9am: Rebecca Circle 10am: Staff Meeting 7pm: Council Meeting	**4** 8am: Men's Pra 9:30am: Quilte 6:30pm: Naom 7pm: Serendip
8 **Fair Trade Sunday** 8am: Worship 9:15am: Education Hour 10:45am: Worship	**9** 9:30am: TOPS Meeting	**10** 9:30am: Anna/Esther Circle 7pm: Outreach Meeting 7:30pm: Education Meeting	**1** 8am: Men's Praye 9:30am: Quilters 5:30pm: Primetim 6pm: Breaking Br 6:30pm: Faith for 7pm: Serendipity
15 8am: Worship 9:15am: Education Hour 9:15am: 6th-7th Grade Worship Practice 10:45am: Worship	**16** 9:30am: TOPS Meeting 7pm: Salem Churchmen	**17** 10am: Staff Meeting 7pm: Property & Finance Mtg	**1** 8am: Men's Prayer 9:30am: Quilters 5pm: Women of Sa Meeting 5:30pm: Primetime 6pm: Breaking Brea 6:30pm: Faith for Li 7pm: Serendipity
22 **6th-7th Grade Worship** 8am: Worship 9:15am: Education Hour 10:45am: Worship 11:45am: Women of Salem Spring Luncheon	**23** 9:30am: TOPS Meeting	**24** 10am: Staff Meeting 6:30pm: Lydia Circle 7pm: Worship and Music Meeting	**2** 8am: Men's Prayer B 9:30am: Quilters 5:30pm: Primetime! 6pm: Breaking Bread 6:30pm: Faith for Lif 6:30pm: Financial St Adults 7pm: Serendipity
29 8am: Worship 9:15am: Education Hour 10:45am: Worship 4pm: Rise up, O Men	**30** 9:30am: TOPS Meeting		

See website calendar for
up-to-date changes and additions:
www.salemofpeoria.com, click "calendar"

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4 ayer Breakfast ers hi Circle ity	**5** **9:30am:** Bible Study	**6**	**7**
1 r Breakfast he! ead Life/ Kappa Chi	**12** **6:45am:** Endowment Committee **9:30am:** Bible Study **7pm:** Sanctuary Choir	**13** **6pm:** Brage Lodge	**14**
8 Breakfast lem Board ! ad ife/ Kappa Chi	**19** **9:30am:** Bible Study **1pm:** CYF Meeting **7pm:** Sanctuary Choir	**20** **8am-5pm:** Lifeline Screening **6pm-8pm:** Game Night	**21**
5 reakfast d e/ Kappa Chi rategies for Young	**26** **9:30am:** Bible Study **1:30pm:** LHV Service **5pm:** Executive Committee **7pm:** Sanctuary Choir	**27**	**28** **7:30am:** Work Day Breakfast **8am:** Work Day

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Spring 2018: CYF Midweek Program

Wed., April 11	5:30pm: PRIMETIME! Singers, PRIMETIME! Moms 6pm: Breaking Bread Meal (Fried Chicken and Fix'ins) 6:30pm: Faith for Life (Junior High Ministry) 6:30pm: Kappa Chi (Senior High Ministry)
Wed., April 18	5:30pm: PRIMETIME! Singers, PRIMETIME! Moms 6pm: Breaking Bread Meal (Soup and Subs) 6:30pm: Faith for Life (Junior High Ministry) 6:30pm: Kappa Chi (Senior High Ministry)
Wed., April 25	5:30pm: PRIMETIME! Singers, PRIMETIME! Moms 6pm: Breaking Bread Meal (Hot Dog and Hamburger Cookout) 6:30pm: Faith for Life (Junior High Ministry) 6:30pm: Special Presentation-Financial Strategies for Young Adults
Wed., May 2	5:30pm: PRIMETIME! Singers, PRIMETIME! Moms 6pm: Breaking Bread Meal (Prize Winning Pork Barbeque) 6:30pm: Faith for Life (Junior High Ministry) 6:30pm: Kappa Chi (Senior High Ministry)
Wed., May 9	5:30pm: PRIMETIME! Singers, PRIMETIME! Moms 6pm: Breaking Bread Meal (Prize Winning Pork Barbeque) 6pm: Closing Pizza Party at Church 6:30pm: Bowling Party at Christian Center for All Ages

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Salem's Food Collection a Success!

The Outreach Ministry Team at Salem thanks everyone who has contributed food and monetary donations to the Lenten food drive benefitting the food pantry at Bethel United Methodist church. Your generosity is wonderful, and the donations have been much appreciated. Salem continues to collect all nonperishable food items for Bethel during the year. Consider taking your Lenten discipline into the Easter season and beyond and bring your future donations to the collection box by the Welcome Center. We are grateful to all who support this ministry throughout the year. Thank you!

Thank you for the Donation!

Thank you to Cindy Patterson and the Shoppes at Grand Prairie for their donation of 400+ Easter bags. These bags were to be used for "Eggs on the Prairie" at the Shoppes at Grand Prairie, and with the inclement weather (snow!) attendance was much lower than expected. Thank you for donating these bags so that we were able to share with our ministry partners including Common Place, Friendship House, South Side Mission, Crittenton and the Salem Lutheran Preschool!

April Birthdays!

April 1
Michelle Griffith
Martin O'Conner

April 2
Barbara Massey
Craig McGregor

April 3
Susan Ross
Caleb Bradle

April 4
Judy Cagle
Kevin Hodgkins

April 5
Michael Bohm
Brianna Schroeder
Sheryl Snider
Kayla Webster

April 6
Sandra Salverson

April 7
Lynn Akers

April 9
Gretchen Petrakis

April 11
Julia Kotewa

April 12
Joyce Crone
Julie Hancock
Poppy Jolliff
Sean Patterson

April 13
John Gregg

April 15
Julie Millman
Leslie Scott

April 16
Sienna Hopkins
Sydney Hopkins

April 18
Carl Buerger, Jr.
Alysa Mathisen
April Pierce

April 19
Caroline Ricketts

April 20
David Sydow

April 22
William Petrakis

April 23
Alyssa Moore

April 25
Jacie Howard
Cassie Malone

April 26
Elyse Hickey
Anna Vandervlugt

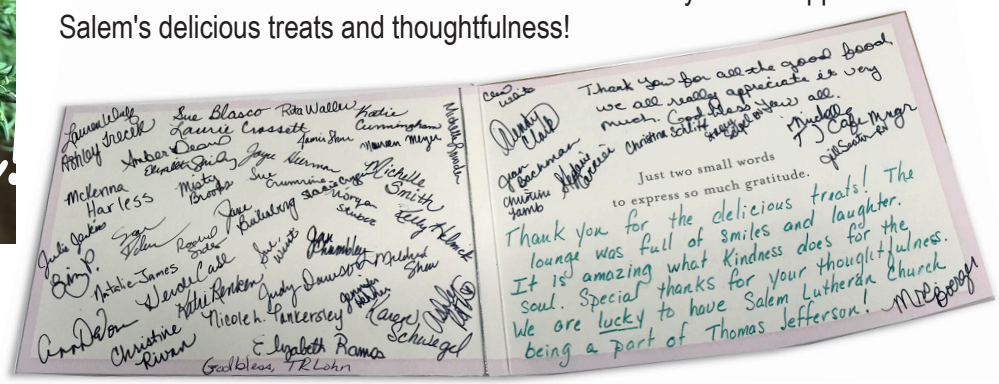
April 27
Makayla Schroeder

April 30
Dennis Mitchelar

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Serving our Neighbors at Thomas Jefferson Primary School

As a thank you for providing the dessert/fruit bar, Thomas Jefferson staff gave Salem a lavender plant and a card. The plant (which will be planted outside once weather permits) and the card are on the window ledge in the Fellowship Lounge next to some of the artwork. Thomas Jefferson Primary School appreciated Salem's delicious treats and thoughtfulness!



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Children's Ministries

See the complete CYF midweek schedule on page 6.

QUESTIONS? Please contact PRIMETIME ministry directors Jill Goldhammer.

PRIMETIME resumes on April 11!

The second session of PRIMETIME begins on Wednesday, April 11. Family meal time is PRIMETIME for children and families and we believe church time is also PRIMETIME!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Pre-Kindergartners through 5th graders are invited to come to PRIMETIME Children's Ministries at Salem on Wednesdays from 5:30pm – 6pm, immediately followed by our Breaking Bread meal at 6:00pm. There will still be singing but also much more. We will use our hands and feet and hearts and voices to celebrate being a part of God's Family as we grow in Christ to love and serve! You do NOT have to be a singer to enjoy PRIMETIME! Come, give it a try!

PRIMETIME FOR MOMS

After dropping off your kids at PRIMETIME, join us in the Social Hall for 30 minutes of midweek unwinding. PRIMETIME for Moms is a time to catch up with other Salem moms without distraction.