

*Salem Lutheran Church*

*All Are Welcome!*



FOLLOWING JESUS,  
SHARING COMPASSION,  
COVERED BY GRACE



If you've worshipped with us recently, in person or on YouTube, you may have noticed children participating in new ways. Our Sunday School has started to collect a 'noisy offering' on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. People are invited to add any loose change to their offering for the day, which is collected by our younger brothers and sisters, and placed in a metal bucket which makes a noise when shaken. This will be used for mission projects chosen by the Sunday school class. You may have also noticed that one of the children now joins me in presenting the offering at the altar as the congregation sings the offering song.

This is done with intention after a few of us learned about Cross Generational Ministry at a training event back in January. "Cross Gen" is a philosophy toward our life together in the church that takes seriously that God equips all generations to be servants of the gospel, from the youngest of us to the oldest. Our children, especially, can be seen as the present of the church, not just its future, as we often hear. They can participate fully now in ministry according to the gifts and abilities they have as children. We are going to be looking for more ways to include children directly in ministry here at Salem.

Even more, the Cross Gen philosophy helps us to see that one of the strengths of the church is that it is a weekly (at least) event where generations gather. We were taught at our training that there can be as many as 5 generations gathered together when a congregation is at worship or serving. This is unique and powerful in our day, for most other activities, like school or work and even recreational activities separate the generations, focusing on only one or two. Even, church worship and education programming since about World War 2 has emphasized generation specific activities. But we learned that deep relationships between generations is key to forming faith. The greatest predictor of faith in youth and young adults is if they had 5 significant relationships with adults in their church growing up. Churches are one of the last institutions in our culture that bring generations together in this way and it is powerful when you recognize the health and well-being people can derive from faith across their lives.

I will be encouraging Salem to look for ways to lean into the generation gathering promise of the church. From time to time we will offer learning and fellowship events that involve all generations, like our Mardi Gras celebration last month. I encourage each of you to look for opportunities to connect with generations other than your own whenever we are gathered as a congregation. Being God's people together in a rich community of all ages is part of our mission and our witness to the gospel to a world that is often separated and isolated from each other.

God Bless,

Pastor Jim



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## February 17th 2026 Minutes

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**V. President:** Tim Kinyon    **Secretary:** Sherri Nissen

**Members:** Jewel Baseley, Thom Guzman, Chris Lane, Linda Huffman, Sherri Boschee, Daniel Clausen, Sheila Clausen, Sandi Sickels, Sherri Nissen, Tim Kenyon, Barb Kenyon

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Devotions: Pastor Jim

The meeting was called to order by President, Sandi Sickels with the following members in attendance: Sherri Boschee, Daniel Clausen, Sheila Clausen, Thom Guzman, Barb Kenyon, Tim Kenyon Pastor Jim, and Sherri Nissen.

Absent: Jewel Baseley, Linda Huffman, and Chris Lane

M/S/C by Sherri Boschee and Thom Guzman to approve the February agenda

M/S/C by Tim Kenyon and Daniel Clausen to approve the January minutes as received.

Treasurer's Report: Barb Kenyon

Receive the Treasurers' report: M/S/C by Sheila Clausen and Tim Kenyon to receive the treasurer's report.

Approved Expenses: MS/C by Daniel Clausen and Sheila Clausen to pay \$151.83 for office stamps and printer ink.

Pastor's Report: See Attached Report

Vacation request: April 6-10, and May 17 (needing pulpit supply)

We will need to complete parish reports by the end of the month

Old Business:

Pro Kleen bid: Option 1 = \$785.17 = more frequent cleaning weekly, and some items monthly,

Option 2 = \$645.98 = more frequent cleaning weekly, and some items quarterly, both include taxes

Quarterly Window cleaning= \$133.78

M/S/C by Sherri Boschee and Daniel Clasusen to approve option 2, adding additional kitchen mopping and monthly kitchen cleaning, and including the quarterly window cleaning. (Once initial deep cleaning is performed, we have the option to adjust tasks) **Note: to take place once the written resignation is received from Hitz's.**

SCAN Code for Prayer Request - table

Welcome Sign – Thom: This will be continued with Pastor, Thom Guzman, Daniel Clausen, and Sherri Nissen forming a group to determine proper wording. Anyone wishing to join or have questions may see one of us.

Property Committee Bids for downstairs restroom renovations: M/S/C by Tim Kenyon and Pastor Jim to approve the project bids as presented with property committee having the discretion on item G. They are waiting for other bids as this is high. Funds will be covered through the memorials with overage from special funds or endowment. (See attached bid sheet)



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### New Business:

March Benevolence: M/S/C Sheila Clausen and Thom Guzman to give for Emergency Hospitality Resources. (those in need of gas, hotel room, etc due to emergency situations)

Lent and Easter Offering: M/S/C by Sherri Boschee and Sheila Clausen to give 50% to the Synod Pig Project, and 25% each to the Creston School family lunch deficits and field trip funds.  
Use of Fellowship Hall – Ott’s Feb. 21 M/S/C by unanimous texted approval on February 1, 2026.  
Jodi’s resignation effective April 30, 2026 – we have a verbal notice but tabled until written notice is received.

### Committee Reports:

Christian Education: Mardi Gra celebration went well. They will begin working on VBS plans

Church Property: see old business section d

Outreach Ministry: we helped at the Food Pantry Feb. 15, our next date is April 19. We will be serving soups for the Ecumenical Lenten meal at Salem March 8. Meals of the Heartland is April 22.

Worship & Music: They have worked with Altar Guild and have a chart each person will receive once each month has been spoken for. This will have time frames when banners, paraments, flowers, candles, etc a required to be present and optional. Members preferred signing up by the month vs task.

### Memorial Committee:

Stewardship: Handwritten thank you notes were added to yearly statements; they will be having a temple talk soon and planning to have visitors in the fall.

### Endowment:

Long Range Planning: they are continuing the book study New Adaptives, they are visiting potential new members asking what has gone well for them at Salem and what can improve; they hope to go out in the communities on Sunday this fall to see where people are during church – what is keeping them away?

Other: Daniel and Sheila Clausen will be providing Easter breakfast again. They will be serving biscuits, & gravy, scrambled eggs, and fruit. (Gluten free options will be available). This is open to the public and will be advertised on our sign.

The next executive meeting will be March 10 at 4:00, and the regular council meeting will be Tuesday, March 17 at 5:30 pm. Pastor will lead opening devotions.



# Noisy Offering

The Sunday School Children will be collecting a "Noisy Offering" on non-Communion Sundays (March 8th and 22nd). The offering will go toward a ministry of their choice to be shared with the congregation at a later date. Please bring your spare change the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month!

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## **Union County Ministerial Alliance 2026 Lenten Services 5:00 pm with a light meal following “The Lord’s Prayer”**

March 1 – First Christian – Father Patrick Amedeka “Hallowed Be Thy Name”

March 8 – Salem Lutheran – Cyndy Ripperger “Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will Be Done”

March 15 – St John’s – Jim Mossman “Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread”

March 22 – First UMC - Eric Larsen “Latter Day Saints Understanding of Prayer”

March 29 – Presbyterian – Rich Queener “Forgive Us Our Debts/Trespases”

April 3 – Catholic - David Clark – “Save Us From Our Time of Trial”

# Midweek Lent Soup Supper and Worship

We will be gathering for soup, fellowship, prayer, and informal worship starting at 5:30pm during Lent.



**Lenten**  
Soup Suppers

Won't you come?

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## Miriam Circle



Miriam Circle will meet on Thursday, April 9th  
at 6:30 pm

Lord, we lift up our loved ones who are in need of healing. Let Your Holy Spirit work within them, bringing comfort and hope to where there is pain and uncertainty. May Your presence be felt in every moment, and may Your peace guard our hearts as we wait for Your miraculous touch. Thank you, Lord, for hearing our prayers and for being our ever-present help in times of need. We give You all the Praise and glory, trusting in Your unfailing love and mercy. In Jesus name, Amen.

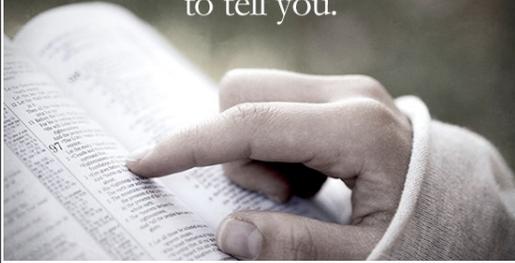
Larry Kimball  
Dorothy Vanella  
Kathy Kendrick  
Sue McDonald  
Lee Keuter  
Gery Kessler  
Tim Kinkade  
Meyer Mixdorf  
Zach Henry  
Arlan Biere



Gregory Boschee  
Becky Keuter  
Carol Ott  
Jerry Nissen  
Christine Moffitt  
Sandy Kessler  
Josh Kendrick  
Betty Wager  
Gail Peterson  
Phillip Eason

*We can never thank our military men and women enough for their service and sacrifice to our country and its people. Today we express gratefulness and honor to these military troops, past and present. We pray to be shown ways in our communities, churches, and families to thank and love them better. Keep and protect these heroes and their families. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.*

Reduce your stress level by taking time to unplug from the world, open your Bible, and listen to what God has to tell you.



- 1st Numbers 14-15;  
Psalm 90
- 2nd Numbers 16-17
- 3rd Numbers 18-20
- 4th Numbers 21-22
- 5th Numbers 23-25
- 6th Numbers 26-27
- 7th Numbers 28-30
- 8th Numbers 31-32
- 9th Numbers 33-34
- 10th Numbers 35-36
- 11th Deuteronomy 1-2
- 12th Deuteronomy 3-4
- 13th Deuteronomy 5-7
- 14th Deuteronomy 8-10
- 15th Deuteronomy 11-13
- 16th Deuteronomy 14-19
- 17th Deuteronomy 17-20
- 18th Deuteronomy 21-23
- 19th Deuteronomy 24-27
- 20th Deuteronomy 28-29
- 21st Deuteronomy 30-31
- 22nd Deuteronomy 32-34;  
Psalm 91
- 23rd Joshua 1-4
- 24th Joshua 5-8
- 25th Joshua 9-11
- 26th Joshua 12-15
- 27th Joshua 16-18
- 28th Joshua 19-21
- 29th Joshua 22-24
- 30th Jude 1-2
- 31st Jude 3-5



Marilyn Engelson	1st	Suzie Stofferahn	16th
Ryan Cook	3rd	Gail Peterson	19th
David Abildtrup	9th	Jerry Nissen	21st
Andrew Hitz	10th	Peggy Cass	23rd
Linda Mahn	14th	Sherri Boschee	26th

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
1 10am Worship Communion	2 Christian Ed @ 4 Long Rang Planning @6	3 1:30 Quilting	4 <b>5:30 pm</b> <b>Lentin Service</b> Choir Rehearsal after service	5 Bell Choir @6:15	6 <i>Sorry</i> WE'RE CLOSED	7
8 10am Worship  <small>Daylight Saving Time March 8, 2020</small>	9	10 1:30 Quilting Executive Meeting @4	11 <b>5:30 pm</b> <b>Lentin Service</b> Choir Rehearsal after service	12 Bell Choir @6:15	13 <i>Sorry</i> WE'RE CLOSED	14
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29	30	31				



SPRING  
FORWARD

**Daylight Savings Time  
begins Sunday, March 8th  
Remember to set your  
clocks forward**

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