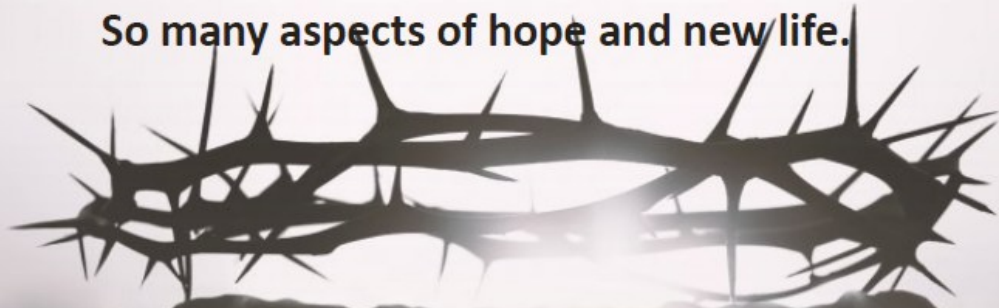


"Oh how time flows . . . ebbing and rushing from season into season."

And here we are. Leaving the season of Lent and the season of winter (hopefully) behind. Winter retreats reluctantly, hoping for a chance, while the season of Lent leaves in joyous exultation, wholeheartedly seeking resurrection. New life that coincides with springtime here in the Midwest.

Resurrection.

So many aspects of hope and new life.



Sisters and brothers in Christ, there are many things that weigh on us in this and every season. We are living through a time of uncertainty; as if holding our breath in anticipation of . . . something.

Remember this. We are a resilient people. We are like dandelions, re-seeding the earth, springing up new hope in ourselves and others. We are made like this through Jesus Christ, who lived our sorrow and fear; who redeems us and builds us up as one body of Christ.

And we are responding to the call of Christ now in weekly worship, in welcoming new friends, in participating in discernment and worship with the ELCA congregations closest to us; in seeking new ways to work together, so that we may serve God by serving our community where we are needed.

As we move into the season of Easter, my prayer is that we look towards the future with hope; assured not by the empty promises of this world, but with the certainty gained by faith; that we continue to pay attention to where God's Holy Spirit is leading us.

May the love of Christ fill your heart in this and all seasons,

Pastor Sue



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Mark Staes

WORSHIP

Becky VanErstvelde

SERVICE

Kim Luder

YOUTH

Ruby Clark

WITNESS

Jessica Clark

STEWARDSHIP

Allison Senkbeil

PASTOR

Sue Hoff

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday

April 2 6:00PM

Good Friday

April 3 6:00PM

Easter Sunday

April 5 10:00AM

Council Meeting Minutes Summary 03/08/26

Excused/Absent: Kim, Miranda

Called to order at 11:15 am

Devotions: Allison

Council Minutes: Becky Potenberg

Motioned by Allison, Mark 2nd, unanimously approved

Treasurer's/Financial Reports: Nancy Patterson

Motioned by Allison, Pastor Sue 2nd, unanimously approved

Pastor's Report: Pastor Sue

Pastor Sue and Sally attended the Congregation Resourcing Event (CRE)

Confirmation Camp in June or July

Staff Report: Sally Patterson

Overnight Lock-In with 25 people

Drop in average 10-14 youth, Assist with confirmation classes

Worship Report was shared via email by Becky V

Assistance needed to send reminder for Altar Flowers

Check to see if people are paying

Stewardship Report was shared via email by Allison

Fundraising Ideas:

Culvers

Trivia Night "Bible Bowl" and Dinner

Gift Cards

Old Business:

Update on Physical Plant - elevator, roof, boiler

Not sure when elevator will be repaired

Mark hasn't heard from roof company to repair hole in ceiling

Boiler pump repairs have been completed, with further boiler work scheduled after heating season

New AED

Electrical issues being addressed including emergency lights and motion sensors

Kitchen hood and dishwasher functionality need to be checked before Easter

Suggestion to create laminated instructions for operating the dishwasher

Update on RIM and Pathways - including Lenten Service plans

RIM is close to making recommendations

Pathways has revised a values questionnaire to be sent to the congregation

Discussion of creating a shared calendar between RIM churches with color-coding

Update on Constitution - renaming committees

Close to receiving feedback from the synod

Discussion about making committee names more descriptive (e.g., changing "social committee" to "fellowship committee")

Stewardship corner in the newsletter to highlight the name of the committees and their description

Discussion and motion for Sabbatical for Pr. Sue

Eligible for a one month sabbatical every 3 years

Utilize church members to plan for a service/sermon

Report to council or congregation following sabbatical

Motioned by Becky, Mark 2nd, unanimously approved

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Review and vote on Safe Church Initiative

Insurance company will be conducting a risk assessment and will expect such policies to be in place

Policy requires background checks for staff and volunteers working with youth

Consideration of church covering costs of background check

A person cannot volunteer if the background check shows a violent felony

Option to show proof of a clear background check (must be within 2 years)

Electronic vote before next council meeting

Lenten Service update and needs - especially greeters and guides

New Business:

ELCA Advocacy Alerts

Synod Assembly - delegates, in-kind donations to LSSI of gift cards (see website)

June 12th: Pastor Sue, Rita, David, Allison (as back up)

In-Kind donations are gift cards

Lesotho family scholarship - Endowment?

\$7800 is needed, \$6900 is already raised,

Endowment will cover remaining balance

Allison motioned, Becky V 2nd, unanimously approved

Sound System, find someone with-in driving distanced

Top Notch

Currently \$7-8,000 to use towards sound system

Took out TV from estimate, 2 screens instead, bracket over the piano, no hearing assistance devices

Meeting was adjourned at 12:16

Motion to adjourn Becky V, Nancy 2nd, unanimously approved

David will do next devotion



Salem hosted 130 people for
Midweek Lenten Service





Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 5, 2026

8:45-9:45AM

Menu includes: Hard Boiled Easter Eggs,
French Toast Sticks, Sausage, Pastries,
Fruit, Beverages

Free will offering - to support the
Youth activities this summer, including Camp,
Leadership Lab and VBS



*Memorials Received -
March 2026*

In Loving Memory of
Tom Tagtmeier
Given by: Vas Arora



Stewardship Corner:

What open church council positions are coming up for election and what are these positions all about?

President: Will prepare and preside at all meetings of this congregation and the council, and will assist the Pastor in preparation of agendas for those meetings.

Vice President: shall preside over meetings of the congregation and/or the council in the event of an absence by the President. The Vice President shall also serve as the chair of the Social Committee.

Secretary: shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings of this congregation and the council, which will be preserved in a volume permanently in the congregation's archives. The Secretary shall also serve as the chair of the Administration Committee.

Witness: focus will be around members, both new and current. Witness will work to promote a sense of community among our members, both new and current.

Learning: oversee programs for our youth (first communion and confirmation), encouraging youth participation in the total life of the congregation, and assisting in coordinating and planning educational ministry

Service: work to provide nursery care during worship and maintain the nursery area, developing and maintaining structures and systems that enable members to reach out and care for Salem members and non-members, studying local and national social conditions and crises and responding in appropriate ways

Youth Representative: report the activities of the youth and children of the congregation to the council and advocating for needs and issues of importance to the youth

If you or someone you know feels called to one of these positions, please see a council member, Wayne Thompson, Linda Lundgren, or Dick Fislar.



Lizzie and Emma getting ready to serve communion in the Library.



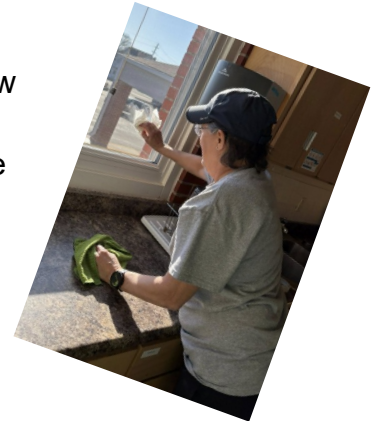
Youth making communion elements



Wendy getting letters together to change the sign out front



Thursday Morning Crew
Spring
Cleaning the
chairs and
kitchen



Youth assisting at
Mid-Week Lenten Service





Loryann Eis	4/3
Joseph Morrow	4/4
Bethany Kump	4/5
Becky Leuck	4/6
Britney Roseman	4/10
Justin Yuuvan	4/12
Darren Klocke	4/14
Jakob Beierlein	4/15
Sara Laufer O'Neill	4/15
James Tillberg	4/16
Connor Leuck	4/17
Stephanie Cramer	4/18
Linda Davidson	4/18
Ben Leuck	4/18
Jeff Rivera	4/19
Griffin Trapkus	4/19
Connor Trapkus	4/19
Alison Locander	4/21
Victor Hann	4/21
Patricia Tollerud	4/22
Becky Potenberg	4/23
Roger Lundgren	4/24
Bona Hilton	4/25
Ethan Hardin	4/27
Aiden Hardin	4/29
Travis Staes	4/29



Welcome
Spring



all anew
WOMEN OF THE ELCA

SERENITY CIRCLE

Please join us
Monday, April 6

In the Library 12:30 PM

All the women of Salem are welcome!

Stewardship Statistics

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	Feb Actual	Feb Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income	\$19,401.15	\$22,386.00	\$32,352.30	\$35,877.00
Expenses	\$21,434.44	\$25,931.61	\$49,235.53	\$49,237.96
Net Income	(\$2,033.29)	(\$3,545/61)	(\$16,883.03)	(\$13,360.98)

A T T E N D A N C E

Date	Sunday	Public	Private	YouTube	Total
Feb 1	73	9	41	9	132
Feb 8	79	145	44	0	268
Feb 15	72	112	40	3	227
Feb 22	22	91	14	4	131

Altar Flower Sponsor Schedule

April 2026

Apr 05	Easter Lilies
Apr 12	Wayne & Debb Thompson
Apr 19	Beth Tagtmeier
Apr 26	Karin Martin

Altar Guild / Worship April 2026

Paraments - Darlene Hann

Communion Set up - Darlene Hann

Greeters

Apr 5	Rita Gustafson
Apr 12	Rick Jones
Apr 19	Deb Kronfeld
Apr 26	

Assisting Ministers - April 2026

Sunday	Assistant
Apr 5	Jim Kernan
Apr 12	Becky Pottenberg
Apr 19	Jon Gustafson
Apr 26	Lizzie Dail

Salem Lutheran Church

1724 15th Street
Moline, IL 61265
309-764-5614
salem@salemmoline.org
www.salemmoline.org

Worship: Sunday

Fellowship: 9:00AM
Sunday School: 9:00AM
Worship: 10:00AM

Office Hours:

Monday thru Friday
8:00AM to 12:00PM

Last, But Not Least....



*Save the
date!
Saturday,
May 9, 2026
2:00PM*

You are cordially invited to attend the 2026
Celebrate Spring at Salem -
250 Years of Signing of
Declaration of Independence

Cost is \$20.00 per person Tables of 8

Reservations are required.,

Payment is due at time of reservation.

You can register individually, or as a table of 8.

*There will be a three course light meal, live entertainment,
raffle items, and a photo op.*

*To make a reservation, please contact the church office at
309-764-5614*

*Make checks payable to Salem Lutheran Church
with the memo "High Tea"*

Reservations are due by May 3, 2026.

Hope you can join us!

Proceeds will go to the Sanctuary Sound System.