

Siblings in Christ,

Can it be, already, that we have come so soon from life into death? From rejoicing the birth of Jesus to mourning his death? Can it be that soon we will rejoice again?

As we have traveled through the season of Lent, hopefully we have all had some time to sit in the solitude of this season as we prepare alongside Jesus, for the journey to the cross. Time for contemplation may be especially good for our hearts and minds this season of this year, when uncertainty and instability are running high in our nation, leaving many with a sense of unease.



What will the future look like in the next ten years . . . ten months . . . ten days? And we mourn, individually and collectively, for the harm that is being inflicted upon our neighbors near and far.

Can it be, that we have come so soon from hope into . . . something less than hope?

Yet, here we are. Walking the journey, alongside Jesus, to the cross, where the rubber really meets the road, not in the way of earthly power, but in the way of love so deep and wide that it cannot be overcome. Ever. The love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit and the salvation of Jesus Christ, life everlasting . . . will never be taken away.

These are not platitudes. They are not just words we say in worship each week. They are resurrection hope real. They are the certainty that Jesus meets us at the cross, with all of our uncertainty . . . all of our disappointment . . . all of our concern for people who are suffering today and who will suffer tomorrow. They are the courage of Jesus shared with us in bread and wine.

They are the Holy Spirit force that leads us from hopelessness to action.

It is this hope, this certainty, that sustains us and compels us to keep moving forward. One step at a time. Walking alongside Jesus, as Jesus walks alongside each one of us, meeting us at the cross.

May the peace of God find your heart today and every day,
Pastor Sue



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Lent Schedule

Wednesday Night Services

April 9

6:15PM *Sharing God's Abundance*

Bring your own meal

We will provide cookies and refreshments

7:00PM *Service*

7:45PM *Bible Study*

Holy Week Schedule

All services are at 7:00PM

Maundy Thursday - April 17

Good Friday - April 18

Easter Vigil - April 19

03/09/25 RRO Summary of Council Meeting Minutes

Present: Steve Morford, Mandy Bergeson, Jessica Clark, Nancy Patterson, Jon Gustafson, David Long, Pastor Sue Hoff, Deb Kronfeld

Absent: Miranda Luder, Kim Luder, Becky VanErstvelde, Camiel VanErstvelde

Special Guest: Brett Monnard

Meeting called to order at 12:05PM

Devotions done by Jessica Clark

Property Report: Portico repairs approved, Bush Construction to complete.
Ceiling leaks – Steve contacting new vendor.

President's Report: All business needs to go through church office / email for consistency. Meetings not in person must be Zoom or conference call.

Administration Report: Brett reported on new tablet for Sanctuary. Motion passed to purchase.

Treasurer's Report: No additional report.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Joshua worship services

Mayor's meeting with ELCA Moline pastors

Pathways Program – after discussion, motion passed to spend \$2-3,000 on this.

ELCA Churches joint worship service on June 8 at Augustana College.

Confirmation – Lizzie Dail is looking to be confirmed this spring

SAFE Connect Community Meeting

RIC – Hope to vote on this at the annual meeting in June.

Stewardship / Witness Report: The Youth will be doing an Easter Pancake Breakfast

Vice President Report: Directory – need people with Photoshop knowledge
Long Range Planning.

Golf Outing: If we don't have a golf outing, we are going to support the LSSI outing in September.

Motion passed to adjourn.

Lord's prayer recited.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50PM

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Kronfeld, Church Council Secretary



Youth News



EASTER MORNING:

Join us on April 20th from 9:00-10:30AM for Easter Breakfast. The Youth and their Families will host the Easter Breakfast--Pancakes, sausage, pastries, and hard boiled eggs. A goodwill offering will be taken and proceeds will help pay for youth program expenses. There will be an Easter Egg hunt for children 6th grade and under at 10:00AM. There is NO formal Sunday School on Easter. (Worship is at 10:45AM)



Lizzie doing Confirmation during Spring Break



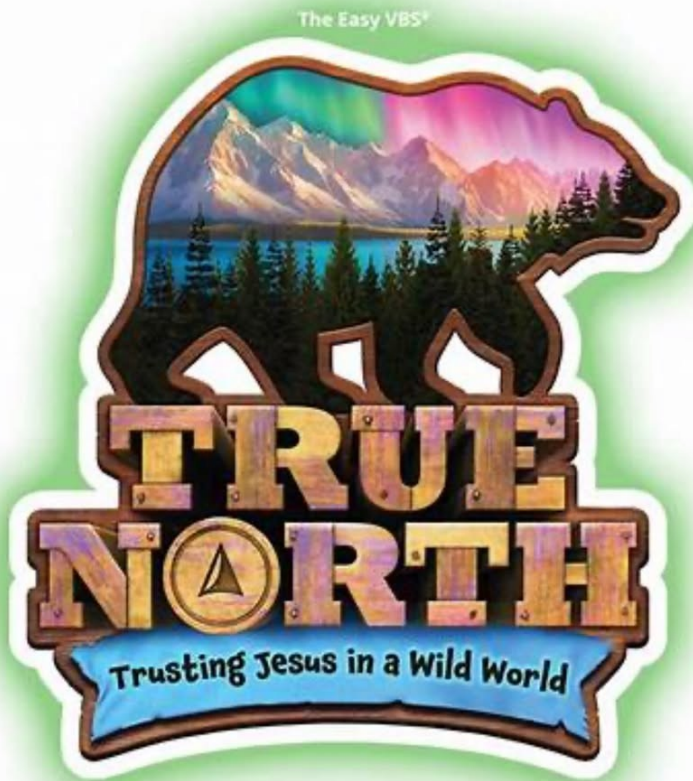
Egg-cellent Egg Dying Party

April 18th - 9:00-10:30AM.

Our Annual Egg-cellent Easter Egg Dying Party (Beginner's thru teens) Join us on Good Friday (April 18) as we dye Easter eggs for the Easter Breakfast and play some super fun games.

ALL AGES WELCOME





VBS - July 7-11
Get Ready!!

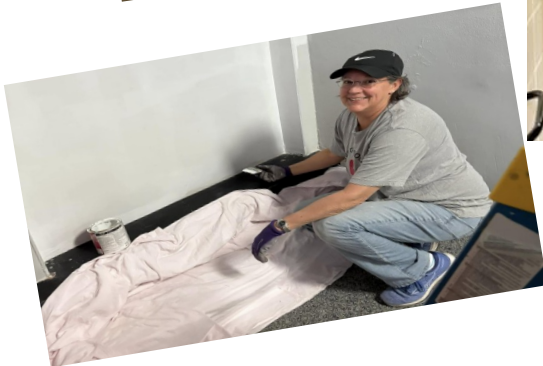
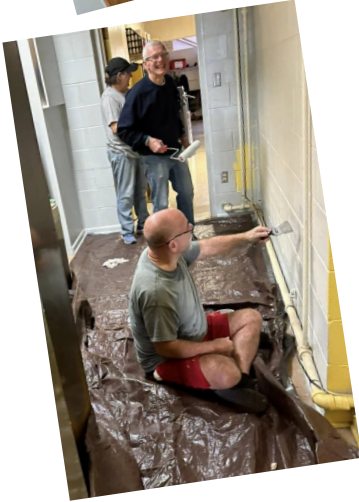


The Sunday School and Ukulele Band led the
congregation in "Jesus Loves Me"

Good job everyone!



The Art Room got a fresh coat of paint compliments of the Thursday Morning Crew!!
Thanks for your hard work!



Memorials Received - March 2025

In Loving Memory of Carla Benson

Given by.....Dick and Margaret Castle, Bud and GG Dreon, Steve and Kathy Hotchkiss, Darlene Hann, Don and Patti Rosene, Claudette Swensson

In Loving Memory of June Piff

Given by Don and Patti Rosene

In Loving Memory of Pete Davidson

Given by.....Richard and Brenda Traughber, Don Jeffers, Shirley Rinck, Susan and Lawrence Foehrkolb, John and Patricia Hanlin, Vivian Downing, John and Bonnie Lartz, Marianne Moore, Don and Patti Rosene, Claudette Swensson



**The Bell Choir is
getting ready for
Easter!**



**Linda and
Naydne working
on the Swedish
momentos**





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
Betty Pyevich	4/23
Roger Lundgren	4/24
Bona Hilton	4/25
Ethan Hardin	4/27
Aiden Hardin	4/29
Travis Staes	4/29



Saturday, April 26

9:00AM—12:00Noon

Many hands will make light work!

Let's get Salem ready for Spring!

Contact Wayne Thompson with
questions



SERENITY CIRCLE

**will meet Monday, April 7
at 1:00PM in
The Lounge**

All ladies of Salem are welcome!

Stewardship Statistics

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	Feb Actual	Feb Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income	\$22,486.06	\$14,270.52	\$35,977.34	\$27,703.00
Expenses	\$18,143.15	\$22,789.37	\$42,040.27	\$44,296.09
Net Income	\$ 4,342.91	(\$8,518.85)	(\$6,072.93)	(\$15,593.03)

A T T E N D A N C E

Date	Sunday	Public	Private	YouTube	Total
Feb 2	50	47	39	3	139
Feb 9	70	70	28	10	178
Feb 16	59	106	39	1	205
Feb 23	57	63	33	5	158

Altar Flower Sponsor Schedule March 2025

Apr 6	Karen Staes
Apr 13	No Flowers - Palms
Apr 20	Easter Lilies
Apr 27	Karin Martin

Altar Guild / Worship April 2025

Paraments - Darlene Hann

Communion Set up - Darlene Hann

Greeters

Apr 6	Chris Castle
Apr 13	Chris Castle
Apr 20	Camiel VanErstvelde
Apr 27	Suzanne Witcher

Assisting Ministers - March 2025

Sunday	Assistant
Apr 6	Jim Kernan
Apr 13	Jon Gustafson
Apr 20	Jim Kernan
Apr 27	David Long

Salem Lutheran Church

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

Worship: Sunday

Fellowship: 9:45am
Service: 10:45

Office Hours:

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

Last, But Not Least....



Save the date!

Saturday, May 10

2:00PM

*You are cordially invited to attend the 2025
Salem Lutheran Church High Tea -
Ladies Day at the Derby!*

Cost is \$20.00 per person

Tables of 8

Reservation is required, payment is due at reservation.

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

*There will be a light meal, live entertainment, raffle items, and a
Derby Day 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, 2025.

Hope you can join us!

Looking forward to seeing you in your favorite hat!

No Refunds

Proceeds go toward Sanctuary Sound System