

Epiphany

An epiphany is a moment when something becomes clear to you about yourself. For example, you might suddenly realize that you are perfectly good just the way you are and that you don't have to live up to someone else's expectations. It is a revealing of something about yourself to yourself.

The season of Epiphany, in church lingo, is the time of the year after Christmas when we celebrate the revelation of Jesus as the Son of God. The scriptures we hear tell of the three wise men who follow a star to find the newborn King. They reveal Jesus as Son of God after he is baptized and they reveal his faithfulness when he is thrust into the wilderness and tested by Satan. We see Jesus revealed as he turns water into wine. We hear Jesus revealed in the words of the prophet Isaiah and we see Jesus revealed as he heals great multitudes. Jesus is revealed. Son of God. Savior of the world. Messiah.

Unlike our personal epiphanies, which reveal some-thing to us at a moment in time, the revealing of Jesus happens in successive places and in different ways. But this epiphany of Jesus is more than a series of stories we read in the bible. Jesus continues to be revealed yesterday, today and tomorrow. By the power of God's Holy Spirit, we receive the epiphany of Jesus over and again; we encounter Jesus in the faces of our friends and in the faces of strangers. We encounter Jesus when we participate in Holy Communion and when we share our spiritual gifts. We encounter Jesus when we pray and when we contemplate the gifts of grace and mercy freely given. In all of these things, new insights, epiphanies, may come.

Jesus. Savior. Redeemer. Given for our sake out of God's abundant and never-ending love. We live in trying times. The world seems to be in turmoil and this is unsettling. The future looks . . . murky. Yet, our mission is crystal clear and will continue to be clear as we follow the example and the command of the One King, Jesus Christ, whose mercy, grace, healing, care, conviction and love is unwavering and eternal. No one and nothing is more powerful and steadfast than the one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit who enlightens our hearts and minds and spirits continually and calls us to live in hope.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Sue



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Camiel VanErstvelde

WITNESS

Jessica Clark

STEWARDSHIP

Mandy Bergeson

PASTOR

Sue Hoff



Save the date!!

Sunday February 23, 2025

Games start at 12:30PM

Bring your own food / snacks
for your table. Pop / Water will
be sold for \$1 each

Mulligans will be
sold \$1 each

Friends, family, members of the public are
welcome to join in the fun!

\$10 per Adult
\$5 Children 16 and under
Tables seat 8

8 Rounds -
10 questions each round

Register individually or as a table -

Call the Church Office at 309-764-5614 or email
salem@salemmoline.org.

Make checks payable to Salem Lutheran Church
(memo - Trivia).

Reservations due by February 20

ALL proceeds will go to our community outreach

Summary of Church Council Meeting December 8, 2024

Attending: Jon Gustafson, David Long, Nancy Patterson, Deb Kronfeld, Jessica Clark, Becky VanErstvelde, Pastor Sue Hoff, Mandy Bergeson, Miranda Luder, Steve Morford, Camiel VanErstvelde, Kim Luder, Miranda Luder

Called to order at 12:02PM
Devotions by Camiel VanErstvelde

Guest: Rita Gustafson

Rita's report – Potluck and RIC Update

Pastor's report – Pathways Program, 8:30 Service, Pulpit Swap

President's report – Congregational Meeting, Vitality Survey, Augustana Meeting, February Council Meeting

Vice President's report – Church Directory, DISH bags

Secretary's report – Sanctuary tablet, Sanctuary WIFI, Boiler Certificate

Treasurer's report – Reviewed December reports, Reviewed 2025 budget and made changes discussed. Dave moved to accept the budget with corrections, Jessica seconded, approved.
Blood Pressure Cuff

Committee reports:

Property – Floor cleaning

Stewardship – No report

Witness – No report

Service – No report

Learning – No report

Youth – No report

Worship – No report

Old Business

New Business

Took picture of council for new phone book.

Becky moved to adjourn, Camiel seconded, Motion passed

Lord's prayer was said

Meeting adjourned at 1:27PM

Respectfully submitted

Deb Kronfeld

Council Secretary



Youth News



Super Bowl Trivia

Sunday, February 9 9:45AM

Sunday School Room

ALL AGES WELCOME!

*Can you answer the questions to take it all
the way for a touchdown?*

*Come join in the fun and cheer the
participants on!*



Let's make some NOISE!!

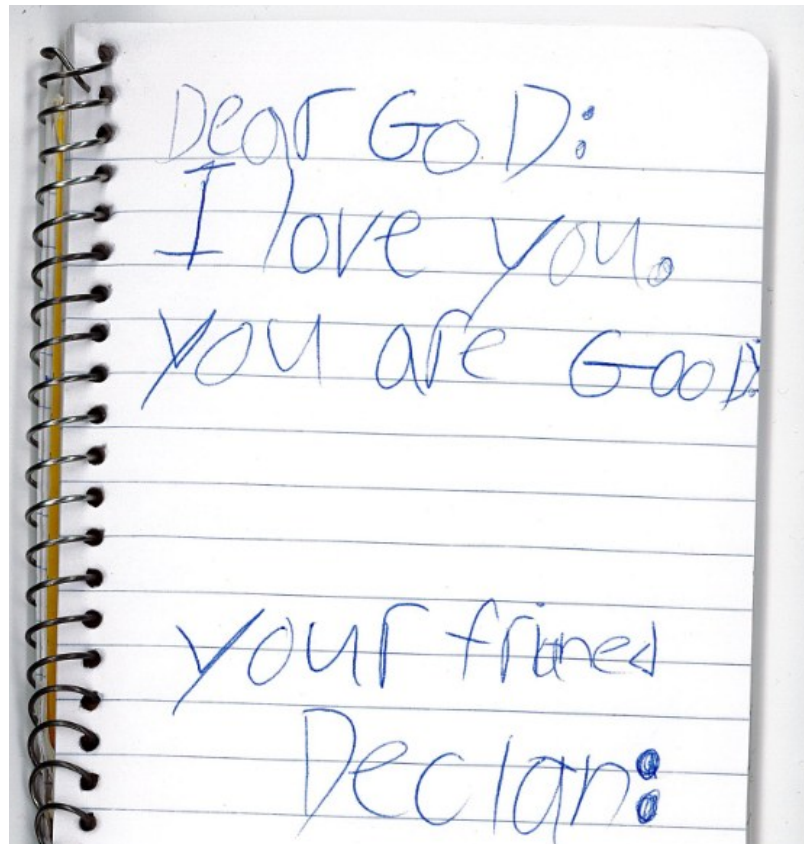
Sunday, February 9

Check your pockets, couch cushions, the car, that place you throw change. Bring it in and throw it in the bucket for a special offering.

Give your change to make a change!



Carla Benson	2/2
Jennifer Klocke	2/2
Aimee Porter	2/3
James DeJonghe	2/4
Eric Gustafson	2/7
Austin Efflandt	2/8
Hunter Keenan	2/8
Margaret Castle	2/11
Richard Castle	2/13
Miranda Luder	2/13
Monika Luder	2/13
Ruby Clark	2/16
Janey Locander	2/21
Lorren Gidel	2/22
Maycee Jagers	2/22
Andrew Klocke	2/22
Jocelyn Yuuvan	2/22
Mandy Bergeson	2/26
Frank Ege	2/28
Marian Nichols	2/28



SERENITY CIRCLE
 will meet **Monday, February 3**
 at **1:00PM** in
The Lounge

All ladies of Salem are welcome!

Stewardship Statistics

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	Dec Actual	Dec Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income	\$25,478.01	\$22,510.48	\$203,773.13	\$200,000.00
Expenses	\$25,785.63	\$27,639.63	\$266,240.72	\$282,215.00
Net Income	(\$307.62)	(\$5,129.15)	(\$62,467.59)	(\$82,215.00)

A T T E N D A N C E

Date	Sunday	Public	Private	YouTube	Total
Dec 1	53	43	32	5	133
Dec 8	56	43	35	9	143
Dec 15	94	58	75	13	228
Dec 22	52	27	34	3	116
Dec 29	29	49	20	5	103

Thank you to all who
attended the Christmas
Eve service December 24.
We had 89 people here to
celebrate the birth of
Jesus!

Altar Guild / Worship February 2025

Paraments - Becky VanErstvelde

Communion Set up - Wayne Thompson

Greeters

Feb 2 Rita Gustafson
Feb 9 Allison Senkbeil
Feb 16 Allison Senkbeil
Feb 23 Deb Kronfeld

Assisting Ministers - February 2025

Sunday	Assistant
Feb 2	Jon Gustafson
Feb 9	Jim Kernan
Feb 16	David Long
Feb 23	Cathy Bigelow

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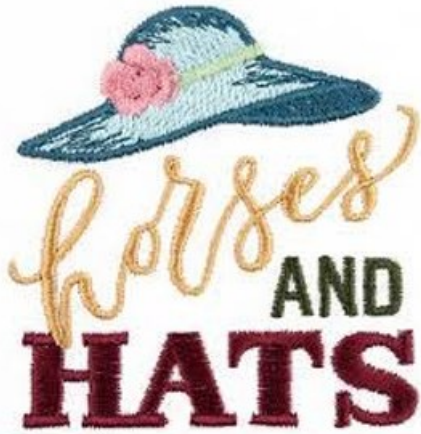
Worship: Sunday

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 -
this year we are celebrating the Kentucky Derby!*

Cost is \$20.00 per person Tables seat 8
Registration is required.

You can register individually, or as a table of 8.
*There will be a three course meal, live entertainment, raffle items,
and a backdrop for photo ops.*

*The men of Salem will once again be serving
(they had so much fun last year!)*

*To make a reservation, please contact the church office at
309-764-5614 or salem@salemmoline.org*

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

Reservations are due by May 3, 2025.

Hope you can join us!