

# Salem Lutheran Church Bell

March 2025

Rooted in Christ  
to love, grow & serve



Lent 2025

## Ash Wednesday Worship

March 5th at 6:30pm

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday with the mark of the cross in ashes (last year's dried up & burnt palm branches from Palm Sunday) over our baptismal mark of the cross.

We look into mirrors reflecting our mortality, true selves (even the parts we wish to hide), our beautiful selves and our God standing beside us in forgiveness, compassion, and love.

## Mirror Mirror ...

Our Lenten journey takes us through 40 days (excluding Sundays which are considered "Little Easters") until we reach the cross on Good Friday. Our journey includes an honest and thorough look into our hearts, minds, and soul. We look knowing God encourages us to let go of anything that does not reflect God's love for all God has created - including ourselves, as well as knowing God's love looks back at us.

This year's theme throughout Lent and the Sundays in Lent will center on the work of reflection and the image of mirrors.

We look into our reflection with truth, compassion, and desire to reflect God's love and grace to the world God loves.



LENT IS ABOUT  
BECOMING, DOING, & CHANGING,  
WHATEVER IT IS  
THAT IS BLOCKING  
THE FULLNESS OF LIFE  
IN US RIGHT NOW.  
SISTER JOAN CHITTISTER, OSB

## Lenten Bread and Broth Supper & Worship

Salem Fellowship Hall at 5:00pm | March 12, 19, 26 & April 2, 9

As was common in the early church...we will eat together as we gather to hear scripture, faith stories, & pray.

**Faith Stories** are expressions of your understanding and experience of God, how this understanding affects your decisions and attitudes in the past and today, and what you would like others to know about God or your faith.

If you would like to be one of our Faith Story Sharers, please contact Pastor Trish. Everyone is welcome!

Suppers include soup & bread. **Sign up** to bring a FULL crock pot of soup (4 needed each week) at church or call the church office. Wednesday Offerings will be designated for the Longville Area Food Shelf.

## Living & Growing in Faith Retreat

Salem Fellowship Hall | Saturday March 8th | 8am - 12pm

Step away as we remember, connect, and discover ways to grow in our lives of faith. Using road signs and mile markers, pondering the people, places, and experiences that have shaped our Life of Faith, noticing where we have felt God's presence, absence, and nudging along the way as we create our Spiritual Biographies thus far. Led by ELCA Deacon Tammy Devine, Professional Coach and facilitator in Boundless Compassion and Positive Intelligence. No Cost. Everyone is Welcome. Call the church to sign up!



# MARCH 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 9am Worship 10am Fellowship	3 1pm Busy Needles	4 9am Bone Builders 9:30am Text Study 4pm Faith Formation	5 6:30pm Ash Wednesday Worship	6 8:30am - 1pm AARP Tax Aide 9am - 12pm Salem Quilters	7 9am Bone Builders	8 8am Bread Ministry Baking 9am - 12pm Living & Growing in Faith Retreat
9 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 11am - 1:30pm Sunday School	10 9:30am Men's Bible Sharing 1pm Busy Needles	11 8am Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Turtle Town Cafe) 9am Bone Builders 9:30am Text Study 4pm Faith Formation	12 5pm Bread & Broth Worship & Community Meal 6:30pm Youth & Confirmation Class	13 8:30am - 1pm AARP Tax Aide 9am - 12pm Salem Quilters 9:30am Worship Ministry Team (WMT) 3pm Finance Team 4pm Exec. Mang. Team (EMT)	14 9am Bone Builders	15
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30 9am Worship 10am Fellowship						



# March Worship Volunteers

## March 2 | Transfiguration of Our Lord

Ushers/Greeters	Mark & Pat Wrucke
Lay Reader	Greg Peters
Bread Server	Pastor Trish
Wine/Grape Juice	Diane Peters
Communion Care	Laura Flohaug
Sound Technician	Jim Fladmoe
Video Technicians	Mike & Hope Olson
Money Counters	Greg Peters, Jim Fladmoe
Fellowship Servers & Treats	Doris Schmidt & Deb Vandenberg

## March 5 | Ash Wednesday | 6:30pm

Ushers/Greeters	Fred & Cris Smith
Wine/Grape Juice	Laura Flohaug
Communion Care	Laura Flohaug

## March 9 | First Sunday in Lent

Ushers/Greeters	Doris Schmidt, Barb McCuskey
Lay Reader	Mike Carlson
Bread Server	Pastor Trish
Wine/Grape Juice	Jo Gaffey
Communion Care	Jo Gaffey
Sound Technician	Craig Anderson
Video Technicians	Mitch Jorgenson, TBD
Money Counters	Gamy Gaffey, Don Falls
Fellowship Servers & Treats	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>

## March 16 | Second Sunday in Lent

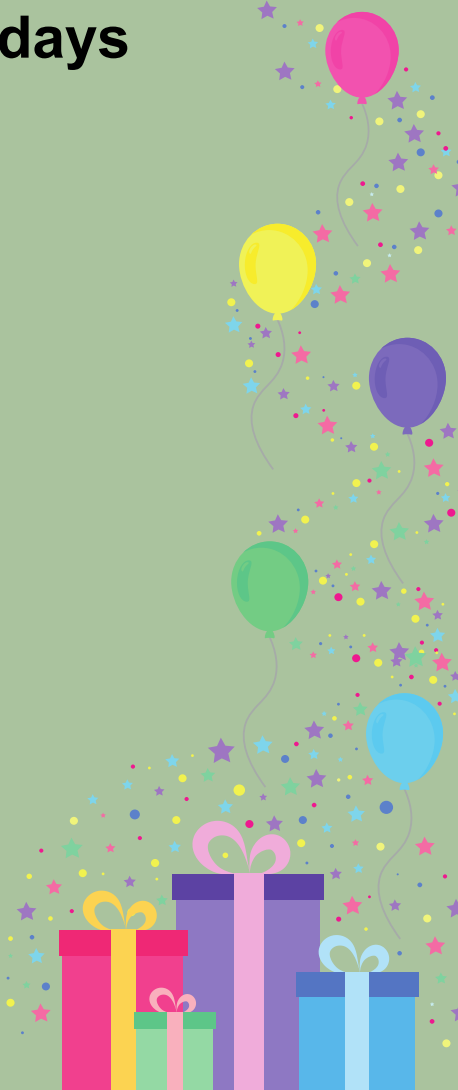
Ushers/Greeters	Beth Tobiason, Laura Flohaug
Lay Reader	Cris Smith
Bread Server	Pastor Trish
Wine/Grape Juice	Linda Bechtold
Communion Care	Linda Bechtold
Sound Technician	Jim Fladmoe
Video Technicians	Mike & Hope Olson
Money Counters	Mike Meagher, Mark Wrucke
Fellowship Servers & Treats	Men's Fellowship

## March 23 | Third Sunday in Lent

Ushers/Greeters	Scott & Allison Magnus
Lay Readers	Jan Stadtherr
Bread Server	Pastor Trish
Wine/Grape Juice	Jan Stadtherr
Communion Care	Allison Magnus
Sound Technician	Pat Wrucke
Video Technicians	Ron Stadtherr, Mark Wrucke
Money Counters	Judy Saxerud, Roger Bechtold
Fellowship Servers & Treats	Roger & Linda Bechtold

# March Birthdays

1	Larry Nelson
1	Jim Fladmoe
7	Michael Carlson
9	Cheryl Kampa
10	Paul Hanson
11	Rachel Gross
11	Dorothy Weaver
16	Jenny Nordstrom
17	Jim Lewis
17	Hope Olson
18	Nadja Jorgenson
19	Patty Lange
19	Tim Klosner
21	Beverly Baldwin
21	David Felton
22	T. Frank Daudt
22	Mark Nordstrom
24	Stan Hawkinson
24	Ed Olson
24	Sara Felton
25	Joan Kickhafer
26	Don Waldera
26	Dennis Zuelke
26	Scarlett Wheeler
27	Roger Bechtold
29	Ginny Muller
31	Jan Elliott



# March Anniversaries

16	Reg and Kathy Callies
15	Terry and Sheila Dutton
16	Bob and Ginny Muller
19	Larry and Doris Nelson
25	Brian and Brenda Mullenmaster



In the season of Lent, we may think of giving something up in order to make time and space for the best thing - our Lord Jesus the Christ - but we may also consider **adding** to the ministry God is already at work doing by giving of our time, talents, and treasure.

## March 30 | Fourth Sunday in Lent

Ushers/Greeters	Roger & Linda Bechtold
Lay Readers	Jim Fladmoe
Bread Server	Pastor Trish
Wine/Grape Juice	Barb Anderson
Communion Care	Barb McCuskey
Sound Technician	Craig Anderson
Video Technicians	Mike & Hope Olson
Money Counters	Gamy Gaffey, Jenny Schock
Fellowship Servers & Treats	Flohaug Team



# Men's Fellowship

Monday March 10th | 9:30am  
Bible Study  
Tuesday March 11th | 8:00am  
Breakfast at Turtle Town Cafe  
Monday March 24th | 9:30am  
Bible Study

All men are welcome!

\$10 or a \$100 given to  
the **Salem Endowment Fund**  
means ongoing - every year - money  
that can do valuable ministry here  
and around the world.



## Salem Financial Update

As of January 31, 2025 our General Fund is  
**- \$1,964.99**

Due to the adoption of a 2025 deficit budget, the SLC  
voted to continue the **General Fund Spending  
Freeze**. If you or your team want/need to spend  
monies from a 2025 General Fund line item in your  
ministries, consultation with the SLC is needed prior  
to any expenditures. This does not include monies in  
Designated Funds.

Thank you for your financial support of the ministry  
God does through Salem.

## AARP TAX AID FREE TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE

at Salem for Longville area residents  
Thursdays beginning February 6th  
Hours 8:30am - 1pm

By appointment only! No walk-ins.  
For appointments call Ron at 218-675-6532



## Emergency Worship & Church Closings D/T 'Bad' Weather

Worship Cancellations - Check our Website  
or tune to:

KLIZ 107.5 (Brainerd)  
KTIG 102.7 (Pequot Lakes)  
KBLB 93.3 (Brainerd)

Office and Church Closings *other than* Worship:

Check our website - [salemlongville.org](http://salemlongville.org)  
Or call Pastor Trish (320-248-9479)

## Salem Community Meal



**Wednesday March 12**

5pm | with Worship

No Cost | Donations Appreciated

Menu: Bread & Broth

**Everyone is welcome**

## Super Fundraiser for Souper Bowl of Caring Results

It was a SUPER Super Fundraiser for  
Souper Bowl Sunday!

Grocery Donation Totals:

The Eagles had 112 pounds & \$339

The Chiefs had 83 pounds & \$252

Thrivent had 220 pounds

Food Shelf Donation \$120



Total was 415 pounds in addition to \$711 raised for  
Souper Bowl Sunday. What a great congregation.  
Andrea was impressed!



## Longville Area Food Shelf

Change of Hours Effective Jan. 8 | 10am - 2:30pm

Due to increased need for food assistance in our  
community, our Food Shelf is increasing the hours they  
are open. Volunteers are always needed, Wednesdays  
from 9am to 3pm.

## Quilting for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) & Our Community

Thursdays from 9am to 12pm

January, February, & March

Salem Quilters will again pick up their needles to  
begin the ministry of making Quilts for people in need on  
Thursday, January 9. No quilting or sewing experience  
needed. We can help cut material, tie quilts, design  
layouts, make treats, coffee, or just have fun. Everyone  
is welcome - men and women!

## Women of the ELCA

Living Waters Conference

## Spring Gathering | April 12, 2025

Grace Community Lutheran Church - Bigfork

8:30am - Registration & Morning Coffee

Registration \$10.00 - includes lunch

Bring items for the Silent Auction and  
"Buy It Now".

**All Women are Welcome!**

