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# March, 2020

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Admin. Assist. – Jana Peterson

## Church Office Hours:

*Tuesday – Thursday 9:00-3:00*

*Friday 9:00-1:00*

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Web Address – [www.slecduluth.org](http://www.slecduluth.org)

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## Sundays at Salem

**Worship – 9:00 am**

**Coffee Fellowship – 10:15 am**

**Sunday School – 10:30 am**



**Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**

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**Soup Suppers will be served by the following Ministries**

(sign up sheets to serve Soup Supper are located next to the Kitchen door or contact Sharon Szamatula)

**February 25, Ash Wednesday, Prison Ministry**  
**March 4 Church Council**  
**March 11**  
**March 18**  
**March 25**  
**April 1 Sunday School**

**Rollie's Perspective**

A month ago I gave you a preview of Lent 2020 at Salem. I wrote about Ash Wednesday (February 26) and the Imposition of Ashes. We remember our beginning, our brokenness and our ending with the ashes.

We will be doing some things differently during Lent. On Wednesday evenings we will begin with soup supper at 6:00 p.m. There are a couple evenings that we could use some soup makers. After soup supper we will stay in the Family Room where I will give a devotion on a particular Lenten object, we'll sing a couple songs, and each family will be given an item for that week's *Lent in a Bag*. Some of the *Lent in a Bag*

items include sand, pretzels, sea shells, garden seeds and coins. There will be a written piece for you to take with your Lenten bag item for your reflection and study at home.

On Sunday mornings during Lent we will include several songs from Holden Evening Prayer as part of our worship time. In addition everyone will be encouraged to write down on a post-it note (check the back of the sanctuary and narthex) an *Act of Kindness* that you did during the past week. It could be almost anything where you helped someone during the week. You may include your name on the post-it note; you don't have to but if someone likes your act of kindness and would like more information, your name will help them connect with you. You will post your Acts of Kindness notes on the glass at the back of the sanctuary. Let's see if we can cover up the glass with hundreds of *Acts of Kindness*!

Blessings to you and yours during Lent! Your gifts and kindness to people make a difference!

Pastor Rollie

**Lessons for March, 2020**

**3/1/20** Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Matthew 4:1-11

**3/8/20** Genesis 12:1-4a; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

**3/15/20** Exodus 17:1-7; John 4:5-42

**3/22/20** Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

**3/29/20** Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; John 11:1-45

## ABOUT OUR SALEM FAMILY

### SYMPATHY!

Our heartfelt sympathy to Kathleen Noponen, Larry Bergh, Karen McClimek, Brian Bergh, Thomas Bergh, Warren Bergh and Joan Wiita on the death of their mother, Helen Bergh on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

### NEW BABIES!

Congratulations to Chad, Amanda and Desiree Wood on the birth of Allie Renae and Tyler William who were born on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

### BAPTISM!

On Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> the Kingdom of God was increased with the Holy Baptism of **Elyse Evelyn Birkholm**, daughter of Heath & Makaria Birkholm. Sponsoring Elyse this morning are Brenda Zinter and Jeremiah Born.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS!

Berit Froehlich  
624 35<sup>th</sup> St. NW  
Bemidji, MN 56601  
218-497-0240

### THANK YOU!

Thank you for the donation of blankets for the warming center at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

Jaguar Ryan, Gloria Dei

Thank you for your contribution of 126 pounds of food to the CHUM Food Shelf. Each month we serve between 500-600 families. Your support of CHUM, and the Food Shelf, in all ways makes our work possible. Thank you again.

Scott Van Daele  
Director of Distributive Services

## “Happy Birthday” To Our Members in “March”

1	Megan Gilbertson	17	Betty Peltoma
	John Heikkinen	18	Emily Wehmas
	Robbie Thorsten	19	Sara Nichols
3	Andy Larrivy	20	Barb Struck
4	Bill Peterson	26	Kirsi Kuutti
6	Scott Fahlsing	28	Lucas Borgeson
7	Geoff Lindemood		Tim MacDougall
10	Anna Christenson	29	Kim Healy
13	Ryan Zastrow		Amari Nunez
14	Alexa Brynes	30	Ed Dammer
	Megan Hood		Judy Hane
15	Susan Hudson		Daryl Kruger
16	Hannah Bockbrader		Justin Reid
	Carla Christenson		Julie Thedens
	Betty McKeever	31	Jill Nickles
	Wayne Swor		Erica Walli
17	Jerrold Eld		

## March Baptismal Anniversaries

1	DeWayne Hendrickson	15	Jana Peterson
	Thomas Ondracek	17	Dale Nordwall
	Patty Shogren	22	Rich Nickles
	Cory Steirns-Kay	26	Jim Burud
3	Brody Hahn		Kirsi Kuutti
8	Jackson Scheider	29	David Cannon
9	Jason Jaros		Macade Cannon
11	Chloe Chilberg		Jayden Isensee
12	Randy Swanstrom	31	Richard Paulson
14	Bradley MacDougall		

*Please call the church office with any changes or corrections*

## THE POWER OF PRAYER AT SALEM

Salem's Prayer Chain contact person is Bettie Lou Nicholson. All members of Salem are welcome to become a link in this very important ministry. If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact Bettie Lou at 722-6246.

## Did You Know Salem Has 4 Ways to Give?



In Person



By Mail



On-Line



Automatic

### On-Line Giving

#### • What is On-Line Giving?

On-Line giving is a way for Salem to receive offerings via the internet through our website donation page or by scanning the QR code on the right.

#### • Why is On-Line Giving Important?

On-Line giving allows you to give quickly, easily and securely.

Visit: [slecduluth.org](http://slecduluth.org) to start!

### ACH Giving

#### • What is ACH Giving?

ACH or ETF giving is a way for Salem to receive offerings by automatic electronic from your checking or savings account.

#### • Why is ACH Giving Important?

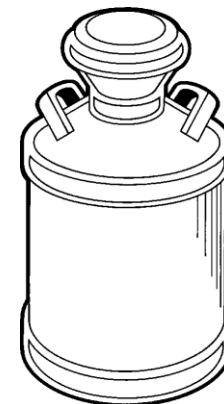
ACH or ETF giving fosters good stewardship. It also improves accuracy and enhances security for our givers!

#### • How does ACH Giving Help

Members can set up recurring donations that promote consistent, regular giving

Contact Beth at the church office to learn more!

**Noisy Offering will be Sunday,  
March 8<sup>th</sup>! Your change makes  
a difference for World  
Hunger!**



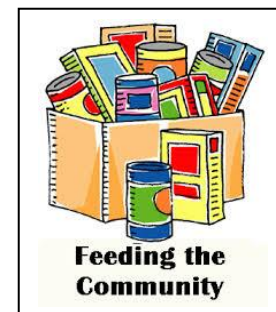
## SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK DATES

### Backpack packing

Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:00-12:00

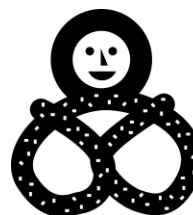
### N.A.P.S. Packing

March 19th, 9-11 am



The sign-up sheets are posted on the narthex bulletin board.

## Pretzels for Lent



The common pretzel was originally designed for use during Lent. Sometime during the Middle Ages, when Lent was accompanied by strict bans on dairy products and meat, people subsisted largely on breads, pastries, soups and vegetables.

Bakers in Germany decided to create a food that would even look religious — the pretzel. The crossed arms of a pretzel represent a Christian in prayer.

Place the palm of each hand on the opposite shoulder, so that your forearms cross. That's the shape of a pretzel.

## March is Minnesota FoodShare Month.



This March, we join food shelves, faith communities, businesses, and organizations across Minnesota in acting to end hunger and food insecurity. Please bring nonperishable items for our local food shelf and/or monetary donations throughout March. Together, we can ensure #FoodForAllMN.

### Taking Action Against Hunger in Minnesota

- Over 3,000,000 visits are made to Minnesota food shelves each year.
- 12.5% of children in Minnesota struggle with hunger.
- Nearly 1 in 11 Minnesotans experience food insecurity.
- Local food shelves can often stretch your \$1 into food for 2 or more meals.
- The 2019 March Campaign raised more than 5.1 million pounds of food and \$8 million for Minnesota food shelves.
- 100% of financial contributions to Minnesota FoodShare via the March Campaign go to participating food shelves.

This is a list of the most needed items by our food shelves: pears, fruit cocktail, pineapple, mandarin oranges, chicken noodle & cream of mushroom soup, peanut butter, tuna, spam, Spaghetios, chili, stew, chunky soups, Pasta sides, rice-a-roni & ramen, cold cereal, pork and beans.

## MARCH SERVICE UNIT

March, 2020

Chair	Julie Thedens	260-3550
Co-Chair	Carrie Gilbertson	726-5961
	Sandy Johnson	393-6274
	Kim Settergren	729-6451
	Kelly Erickson	410-2161
	Sandee Hendrickson	723-4072
	Nancy Larrivy	722-8004
	Christy Jaros	729-7344

*PLEASE NOTE: All family members are invited to help participate in the monthly events!*

### The Family Service Units are Responsible for:

- *Serve coffee Sunday, March 29, 2020*
- *Serving* at funerals or other church activities that may occur during your month.

### *Coffee Servers for March:*

**March 1 Prison Ministry**

**March 8 Mission Team Breakfast**

**March 15 Lisa and Chris for Rhubarb Festival jelly supplies**

**March 22**

**March 29 March Service Unit.**

*Ruth Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at Kathy Velander's at 1:00 pm.*

## **Church Council Highlights ~ ~ January 13, 2020 Team/Committee Updates Worship and Planning,**

### **Council Discussion**

1. Discussed ways to remove clipboard passing during worship.
2. Possible solution would be to place sign up sheets up on bulletin board in the Narthex.
3. Discussed ways to improve worship and maybe bring numbers up.
  - A. Make sermon more contemporary
  - B. Music more modern contemporary.
  - C. Better outreach to church members who have not been at a service in a while.
  - D. Advertise in the paper, Facebook, and other avenues to get word out of all the good things Salem participates in. (Bike for Hunger, Disaster Relief, etc...)

### **Financial**

1. Council review and discussed budget for 2020.
2. Diana Larson made a motion to approve the 2020 budget. Amy Piphos seconded the motion.. Motion approved for the 2020 budget
3. Discussed the 2019 budget.
  - A. Budget had started \$10,000.00 behind from 2018
  - B. 2019 budget was behind due to rental payments being absent for 5 months.
4. Diana brought up a point that special giving has gone down over the years.
  - A. There are envelopes in the pew for options to designate where the special offering should go.
  - B. Online option to give for special occasions.

### **Property**

1. Council talked about the issues with the fire alarm system in the building.
2. Justin Forsell is working on getting more bids for systems to bring Salem into compliance. Estimates will be done for the entire system versus just in the wings that are used by the daycare.
3. Congregation will have to approve whatever option Salem chooses to go with.

### **Old Business**

- \* None

## **Church Council Highlights ~ February 10, 2020 New Business**

Member introductions Question and answer session for new and previous council members.

### **Council Officers**

- A. President ~ Jason Jaros Motion, Rollie Bockbrader, Second, Janice Hanson, Approved
- B. Vice President ~ Melissa DeLaMartre Motion, Rollie Bockbrader , Second, Amy Piphos, Approved
- C. Treasurer ~ Diana Larson, Approved
- D. Secretary ~ Rich Nickles, Motion, Jason Jaros, Second, Amy Piphos, Approved

### **Committee/ Ministry Team Assignments**

1. Worship Planning Team  
Nancy Berntsen, Chris Swenson
2. Helping Hands  
Sharon Szamatula, Janice Hanson
3. Youth Ministry  
Amy Piphos, Jason Jaros

4. Mutual Ministry  
Melissa DeLaMartre, Rollie Bockbrader
5. Property  
Rich Nickles, Bob Bastianelli
6. Finance  
Diana Larson
7. Modernization  
Tony Nelson, Chris Swenson

### **New Business**

1. Pastor Rollie informed the council that the shed, behind the church, was broke into again. The new gas can, full of gas, the church snowblower and Tim's small snow blower were taken.
  - a. Council discussed different measures to stop the theft. Bob Bastianelli is looking into different types of security systems.
2. Council providing meal for soup supper on Wednesday March 4, 2020.

### **Old Business**

1. Updated new members on the need to upgrade fire system, for the daycare to be able to expand, to be in compliance with the fire marshal.
  - A. Contacting Justin Forsell to see if anymore bids for the alarm system work has come in yet.