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April, 2024

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Sunday Worship Schedule
Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship 10:00 am
Coffee Fellowship 11:00 am

Greetings Everyone,

Did you know April 22nd is Earth Day? As a kid I was excited when my teachers would talk about Earth Day and encourage us to plant a tree or pick up garbage along the road. The lesson they were probably trying to teach was to do something helpful to our natural environment. Even as a Boy Scout we were taught and encouraged to practice various Earth friendly practices. I must admit my attention to Earth Day and other earth caring activities is not as enthusiastic as I was when younger, but I still do a few things to care for our Earth.

However, when it comes to the topic of our earth and the care, there seems to be quiet controversy. Such controversy can be about use of natural resources, sense of sustainability, climate changes, and a whole host of other divisive topics. We as human beings live in this world and rely on our environment to live and thrive. Yet if we consume too much or abuse our environment, we do not thrive nor live healthy lives. Even though we debate on various topics regarding our environment the fact remains our relationship with the earth does affect how we live our lives.

As for our faith and the Earth, we as human beings are given a gift of partnership to care for our environments. Our faith teaches how God cares not just for humanity but all of creation. God also creates a partnership with humanity to help and support all of creation. We learn of this partnership in the beginning of Genesis. Psalm 8 also gives beautiful words to describe such a partnership by saying “you have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,” This psalm reminds us of the responsibility which we have to our environment.

Which means we should be encouraged to work in ways to bring health and harmony to our Earth. Which is why Earth Day and other days that encourage us to help our world should be important. For the care of our environment is dependent not just for us to live healthy lives but is also a gift which God asks us into a partnership to care for.

I am not sure what I will do on Earth Day. However, I do know that as I live into my life and my faith, we are encouraged to make choices to care for our Earth and all of God’s creation. For God has asked us to do this so that we all can thrive and live healthier lives. May God’s blessing be with you this and every month.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor John Ansell

Lessons for April, 2024

4/7/2024 Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19;

I Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

4/14/2024 Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22;

Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

4/21/2024 Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12;

Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

4/28/2024 Palm Sunday Procession with Palms:

Mark 11:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16;

Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 14:1 — 15:47

ABOUT OUR SALEM FAMILY

Baptism!

The Kingdom of God was increased with the Holy Baptism of Owen Craig Borndal, son of Steven and Sara Borndal on March 3, 2024. Sponsoring Owen are Eric & Katie Borndal.

Thank you!

St. Louis County Master Gardeners want to thank you for allowing us to use your building for our bulb sale last October. It was an excellent location and we do appreciate you letting us use it.

Dear Salem Friends,

We want to thank you for the many cards, calls and prayers over the last few months. Your care and support has helped more than you can imagine!

Much love,
Jeff & Karen Swanson

Please keep the Mission Team in your prayers as the travel to Kentucky to rebuild homes following the December, 2021 tornados. This year's team includes: Dave & Beth Johnson, Adam Lilyquist, Loren & Laura Lilyquist, Jeff Harty, Lee Swenson, Eric & Kim Settergren, Quentyn Fleck, Rick Borndal, Frank Dusek, Simon Erdmann, Pastor John, Keith & Joyce Lilyquist and Dewayne Hendrickson.

“Happy Birthday”

To Our Members in “April”

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| 2 | Carol Dammer | 12 | Peggy Szybnski |
| 3 | Ed Jampsa | 16 | Ben Nickles |
| | Mike Schultz | 19 | Macade Cannon |
| 5 | Tom Ondracek | 22 | Edward Wehmas |
| 8 | Bella Dwinell | 23 | Kathy Velander |
| | Ellyann Erickson | 25 | Patricia Bennett |
| | Arlene Halverson | 27 | Bev Nordwall |
| | Jessica Williams | | Randy Swanstrom |
| 10 | Peyton Paulson | 28 | Paul Bastianelli |
| 11 | Steve Eckard | 30 | Samantha Hendrickson |
| | Linda Jeanetta | | Barb Repensky |
| 12 | Colton Jaros | | |

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.

Noisy Offering will be Sunday, April 21! Your change makes a difference for World Hunger!



Strides for Savings

Pastor's next race is the Fitger's 5K on April 20th. For those who want to participate in this donation challenge are encouraged to give at least 1.00 per K. Which for the Fitger's 5K means you would only need to donate 5 dollars. There will be a sign promoting the events and tracking the donations coming in for this challenge at the entrance to the sanctuary. If there are any questions, please contact Pastor John.



Gabby's Shoe Drive

Gabby Pipho has a goal of collecting 100 pairs of shoes for the Clothing Closets at Essentia & St. Luke's for people who are homeless.



Through April 15th, you can drop off a pair at her house, Salem or buy them through Amazon Gift List (Amazon- Registry- Gift List- Search Gabby Pipho). Men's sizes 9-11 are definitely the most needed. Gabby and Amy, are also putting together care packages to put in the shoes as well. If you prefer to make a financial gift to the project, checks can be given directly to Amy Pipho.

CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF GRACE

We will be continuing our commemoration of Salem's 100th Anniversary during the month of April by focusing on our "Global Outreach". Just as last month we recognized the many ways Salem addresses the needs of our neighbors in the surrounding area, this month we will look at how we have taken our mission to serve and be God's hands into the world to more distant communities and countries.



Our Disaster Response Team is a terrific example of our outreach being more far reaching. They will be heading to Kentucky where they will be working with the Fuller Center to assist in rebuilding homes damaged in the devastating tornadoes of December 2021. They will be leaving on April 6th and returning April 13th. We have been able to help them financially to support their journey and we will continue to support them with our prayers until we welcome them safely home.

On Sunday, April 21, we will take a closer look at the many ways Salem sends loving care into the world. Dave Johnson will share stories from this year's mission as well as some of the previous years the Response Team has traveled to other states. Some of the other ways Salem has committed to world issues will also be highlighted. We rejoice that as a community we are led by the Spirit to use our resources, our heart, and our hands to make a difference.

Help Wanted!

The Bethany Cemetery Association in Hermantown is seeking to hire a Cemetery Manager to manage the routine operations of the cemetery. An ability to operate power equipment such as a backhoe is preferred, though not required. The Cemetery Manager will work with mortuaries and families to coordinate burials and lot sales along with maintenance of the grounds, etc. Training will be provided.

The Association is also looking for individuals interested in joining to board of directors in 2024.

For more information, please call Kim Healy at 218-391-8841 or Dennis Velandar at 218-481-5786.

2024 Council Members

Carol Christenson, President (218-348-3950)

Justin Reid, Vice President (715-969-4705)

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Judy Giese (218-340-0823)

WORSHIP LEADER SCHEDULE

April, 2024

| | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 |
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| LEAD | | Judy | Kelly | Justin |
| COMM | | Giese | Erickson | Reid |
| READER | Wayne | Laurie | Carol | Simon |
| | Swor | Swor | Christenson | Erdmann |

