

SALEM'S GOOD NEWS

February, 2023

**What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev'ry thing to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Ev'ry thing to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged –
Take it to the lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness –
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
CW 721:1,2**

BFF – an acronym for Best Friends Forever, used by teens. Here on earth best friends forever isn't always true. Things can be said, interests change, or any number of things. Even back in pioneer times little girls had autograph books to be signed, not by celebrities, but friends. High schoolers may write in yearbooks they'll always stay friends. Adults form friendships at work or clubs. Over the years those often fade away, too. But there is one Friend who will never leave, someone who is with you at all times, someone you can talk to at any hour of the day or night. He will always hear you, give you comfort and peace. Jesus is truly our Best Friend Forever, both in this life and in our life to come.

⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6,7

Salem Lutheran Church is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We believe, teach and confess that salvation is in Christ Jesus by Grace alone... not by personal merit, but by God's mercy. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Sunday Worship Service

Worship Service at 9:00 A.M.

Choir Practice – 10:15 AM.

Sunday School and

Adult Spiritual Growth Class – 10:30 A.M.

Sunday Worship

God's Word tells us that it is God's will for us all to gather together around his Word and prayer. We worship every Sunday morning at 9:00am. All are invited to join us. We gather to give all praise and glory to the Lord who made us all and has also saved us all. To Him be the Glory forever and ever!

Midweek Lenten Services

Beginning on Wednesday, February 22, at 6:30pm, we begin our six weeks of Midweek Lenten Service on Wednesdays. This year we will be exchanging pulpits with our sister congregations of Fount of Life Lutheran of Colorado Springs and Crown of Life Lutheran of Pueblo West. This year's theme is from our Northwestern Publishing House called, "His Final Steps." February 22 will be Ash Wednesday and we will have Holy Communion. Please join us as we prepare our hearts and minds by focusing on the suffering and death of our Savior who paid for the sins of the world.

Ash Wednesday Soup Supper

Please join us on Wednesday, February 22, at 5:00pm for this year's soup supper. This fellowship time is right before our Ash Wednesday worship service. All are invited. Plan now to attend. The supper is sponsored by our Ladies Guild. There will be a signup sheet in the church entry for anyone who would like to donate soup.

Ladies Guild

The next meeting of Salem's Ladies Guild will be February 12, 11:30am. All ladies of the congregation are invited! There will be lunch and a short meeting to discuss the Soup Supper that will be held before Salem's Ash Wednesday Service. Any questions, please see Donna Kahrs, Guild President.

Building Review Committee

The Building Review Committee is going to have a special meeting on Sunday, February 5, 2023, at 10:15am, to share with the congregation the latest on the Building Project, which includes design and cost. Then on Sunday, February 26, at 10:15am, we will meet again for an open forum with the congregation to help answer any questions as well as solicit input. All members are encouraged to attend.

Salem Library Books

In February we will have a Book Fair with items from our Northwestern Publishing House. These will be in different categories and you will be able to purchase the books for

yourself or as a gift. Be sure to come and browse the many titles and purchase at a savings. Watch the bulletin for more information or contact Suzann Alstrin, Church Librarian.

Annual Stewardship Emphasis

This year's Stewardship Emphasis is a three-part series titled, "Stewards of Our Faith—Pass It On!" We are going to have the following themes and dates.

Sunday, January 29 — Deuteronomy 6:1-9 — Pass It on to Our Children!

Sunday, February 26 — 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10 — Pass It on in Our Church!

Sunday, March 26 — 2 Kings 5:1-15 — Pass It on in Our World!

Bible Classes

We have a number of Bible Classes during the week. These classes give people an opportunity to study God's Word together with fellow believers. On Sundays at 10:30am, we have our Adult Spiritual Growth Class. We are studying the Lutheran Confessions. On Tuesdays at 6:30pm, we have our Tuesday Evening Adult Bible Class. We are studying the book of Judges. On Wednesday afternoon at 2:00pm, we have our Women's Bible Study. We are doing a basic Bible Teaching Review. This class is being taught by the Pastor. Please bring your Bibles and join us for one or more of the classes.

Did You Know...

Salem has had three pastors in its 50 years: Pastor Eugene Ahlswede (1973-1977), Pastor Ronald Kaiser (1977-1997) and Pastor James Seiltz (1997-present). We have been very blessed with faithful shepherds. To God Be The Glory!

LOOKING AHEAD

Midweek Lenten Services, Feb. 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 – 6:30pm

Easter 4 Kids, Saturday, April 1 - 9:00am

Palm Sunday Service, April 2 – 9:00am

Maunder Thursday Service, April 6 – 6:30pm

Good Friday Service, April 7 – 6:30pm

**Easter Sunday Services, April 9 – 6:30am & 9:00am
with Breakfast at 7:30am**

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