

# SALEM LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER

## April 2024

### Pastor's Corner

We are officially into springtime and seeing more sunshine. This time of year offers new life, new beginnings, new blessings, and rebirth according to the Bible. We have celebrated the resurrection of Jesus and what that truly means in our lives. I encourage you to take some time and reflect on what the resurrection means to your own life. What can you do differently to encourage rebirth in your own spiritual walk with Jesus?

I thoroughly enjoyed our Wednesday night Lent services. We averaged between 30-40 people each Wednesday night. We focused on grace and what it means for each of us during Lent. The LIFT kids helped with scripture readings and shared specific stories connected to the message for the night. I want to thank all of those who attended these special nights and I hope you walked away with a deeper and personal meaning of grace in your life.

As many of you know, I underwent a second back surgery on March 21<sup>st</sup>. I was experiencing more pain especially while walking and it was discovered that I had broken a screw which dislodged a cage as well from my first surgery. This time they put in longer rods and screws and placed some in my pelvic bones. My surgeon is very concerned about my bone health and I will undergo a dexta scan to determine if I have osteoporosis.

Needless to say, I did not like any of this news. Yet, God has shown me through prayer and reflection that I must focus on my overall health and wellbeing. I am determined, with His help, to be stronger and more deeply rooted in Him. He has called me to shepherd our beautiful church so I must focus on these things in order to be who He wants me to be. Your support and prayers mean the world to me.

God is moving in our church and more and more people are hearing the Word in our small country church. So many good things are happening with the men starting a fellowship group, college students going to Tanzania, another women's bible study starting again, and women and girls learning to crochet and knit! In addition, the Cans for Camp has been a hit and more and more money is being raised for our youth to attend camp. Let's keep this thing going!

I am not for certain yet when I will be officially back but know I will be back, and I miss you all so much!

In the Good Shepherd's Name,  
Pastor Jody  
#iamthegoodshepherd  
#doitforda

\*As always, please reach out to me if you would like to visit or if I can visit anyone who is homebound.

### Other worship Notes:

Salem worship services live streamed & recordings found at: <https://www.facebook.com/salemcourtville>

# **Unapproved Minutes SALEM LUTHERAN COUNCIL MEETING**

**March 17, 2024**

The council met with the following members present: Kevin Reinking, Nancy Clausen, Pam Bottorff, John Hoppe, Jason Byers, Robby Haggin, Ian Koskovich, Lewis Byers and Pastor Jody Herbold

Pam called the meeting to order.

Correspondence: None.

Nancy read the minutes from February's meeting.

Minutes were approved as read.

John presented the treasurer's report. Capital improvement fund has \$988.31. Parish Ed/LIFT has a balance of \$396.52. Memorial fund balance is \$21,994.24. LYO has a balance of \$556.71. The general fund had an opening balance of \$16,604.04 with deposits of \$9224.04 and expenses of \$8362.53 leaving a balance of \$17,466.55. The window fund has \$2641.50 and Lenten offerings through February totaled \$621.00. Nancy moved to approve the treasurer's report; Jason seconded. Motion carried.

Parish Ed updates: The last LIFT session for the year is March 20th. We have six confirmands this year. Deidre is getting corsages for the confirmands and there will be a breakfast following worship on Confirmation Sunday.

## Old Business:

Well, Septic and Chlorine Systems: Nothing new.

Window Update: No new donations in March.

Constitution: The group has met but the updates have not been done yet by Nancy.

Confirmation Robes: Pam was able to get six robes donated by a co-worker for the confirmands to wear.

Blood Pressure Machine: Polly Meissner donated a blood pressure machine.

Road Signs: The "Church Entrance" road signs were installed a couple of weeks ago.

## New Business:

Transfers/New Members: No update.

Toilets: We have two broken toilets in the church and with all the increased activity they need replaced. Brett Herbold said he would get two toilets and install them for \$600.00. Nancy moved and Robby seconded to have Brett purchase and install the toilets. Motion carried.

Internet: Wiatel Internet will install fiber optics to the church and parsonage. Then we can decide where to install supporting equipment inside both facilities.

Venmo: It was suggested we use Venmo apps to receive offerings. John will visit with the bank to see if this is an option for the church and if it is the council will invite Deidre Bottorff to explain specifics for using it.

It was noted that the congregation's website is not user friendly with smart phones. Ian said he would reach out to someone knowledgeable for guidance.

Silent Auction: During the March men's group gathering, some of the men visited about conducting an online silent auction for hand-made projects to support the Tanzanian trip.

The men's group met earlier in the week and trimmed trees and took down the tree by the north entrance of the church.

The council discussed uploading our worship services to YouTube since not everyone has Facebook.

John moved and Robby seconded to direct half of our Lenten offerings to Ashlyn Putzier (mission trip to Thailand) and half to the Tanzanian trip. Motion carried.

Pastor Updates: Pastor Jody said the crocheting and knitting class was very successful. Around 30 women participated and are interested in continuing. Pastor Jody told the council that her surgeon had reached out to her and told her she needs immediate surgery. That means she will be unable to be present on Palm Sunday when Salem is scheduled to confirm our youth. After discussion, the council decided to move confirmation to Mother's Day in May. We will have to find pastoral support for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter services.

The next council meeting will be April 21st following worship.

Nancy moved for adjournment; Kevin seconded.

Motion carried.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by: Nancy Clausen,  
Secretary

## **Note to Facebook viewers!!**

Check in to Facebook at Salem either when watching from home or in person. This helps with free advertising for our churches as everyone you know will see our church information. Also this may help us get a more accurate count of our at home viewers!!

## April Helpers

### Deacon and Trustee and Communion Assistants:

**Deacon:** Pam Bottorff

**Trustee:** Jason Byers

### Prayer List (at time of printing):

Danelle Sullivan, Pastor Jody, Elaine Klingensmith, Brian Chaffin, Wilma Bollin and Tami Herbold

Prayer list open to anyone and updated as information is shared (list frequently changes after the newsletter is published).

Please keep our homebound members in prayer including those in facilities:

Whispering Creek in Sioux City: Wilma Bollin

### Offering for March

\$10703.00

### *Stewardship*

Salem is set up to receive donations via tithe.ly online or via the app. At any time you can go to:

[https://tithe.ly/give\\_new/www/#/tithely/give](https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give) and search for Salem, Correctionville to a give a one time or reoccurring donation.

## Lay Readers For April

4/7/24 Holly Harmon

4/14/24 Annie Albers

4/21/24 Karmen Hodgdon

4/28/24 Kourtney Wilcox

A lay reader sign up sheet for May-June may be found on a clipboard in the pamphlet holder beside the media center.



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## April Birthdays

- 1 Jayne Linn
- 1 Caleb Bush
- 8 Jacob Byers
- 10 Mark Reinking
- 12 LaVonne Byers
- 13 Sandy Reinking
- 15 Angie Byers
- 15 Brent Reinking
- 16 Joan (Dennis) Reinking
- 20 Lucas Benjamin Paulsen
- 22 Alex Krier
- 25 Marti Meissner
- 26 Justine Townsend
- 27 Brook Byers
- 28 Peggy Reinking

## April Anniversaries

- 27 Loren and Jo Hansen

## April Calendar:

- April 6-Encountering God study followed by crocheting and knitting session
- April 13- Encountering God study followed by crocheting and knitting session
- April 20- Encountering God study followed by crocheting and knitting session
- April 21-Choose to Keep Going Women's Event at Sioux City Convention Center
- April 28-Church council meeting after church
- April 27- Encountering God study followed by crocheting and knitting session

## Be the Light

These shirts were designed by some of our members of Salem Lutheran Church, who are going on a mission trip in May 2024 to Tanzania. The people who will be going on this mission trip are Makenna Bowman, Kenna Haggin, Carly Huth, Allison Reinking, and Pastor Jody. They will be partnering with STEMM whose mission statement is *"Changing lives for Christ through compassionate care."* While there, these girls will be working with students in the school system, spreading the word of God, and building fences for future farm animals. Buying these shirts will help these girls raise money for their mission trip. (written by Alison Reinking) \*\*\*Please be on the look out for order forms during church!



## Window Replacement

With the need to replace windows on the education addition a fund has been started. The windows for the north side have been ordered.

In order to get the best life for the windows/addition the siding will be removed, any needed repairs to structure done, windows installed, house wrap added and siding returned to building. Designate donations for window fund. Windows are about \$350.00 each.



## LIFT News:

The LIFT series for the school year is a wrap! The students were quite busy doing kindness sharing projects. They decorated inspirational stickers for Movillatte, made magnets for the congregation and kindness rocks to place in areas around our community. In addition, they put together Easter bags for the Correctionville nursing home.

Our confirmation kids will be confirmed on May 12<sup>th</sup> during our Sunday service. What a celebration that will be for everyone! Students will also have opportunities to attend summer camp and vacation bible school during the summer.

We want to encourage our kids to continue attending church and being active in their faith journey. It is so powerful to attend church as a family and parents are setting an example that worshipping together is important.

Thank you to all the volunteers who spend their time pouring into our youth. This program would not be what it is today without all your time and dedication!



# ENCOUNTERING GOD

Cultivating  
Habits of Faith  
Through the  
Spiritual  
Disciplines



A 7-SESSION STUDY BY KELLY MINTER

Join Kelly Minter as she unpacks the biblical foundation for these spiritual disciplines along with approachable ways to practice disciplines like prayer, study, worship, rest, simplicity, generosity, celebration, and many more. Instead of being just one more thing on your to-do list, you'll find that these habits of faith can actually create more margin in your life—providing peace and rest as you walk closer with Jesus.

Lifeway.women

We will be starting another new bible study on April 6 at 9:00 am. I want to encourage any ladies who are looking to deepen their spiritual roots in a safe and loving environment to join us. We will also have time afterwards to learn more about crocheting and knitting. The coffee is always on and great food to enjoy. Please reach out if you have any questions about this new study. Here is the link to order from Lifeway:

<https://www.lifeway.com/en/product/encountering-god-bible-study-book-with-video-access-P005846308>



Are you looking for some encouragement in your life to keep going and some sisterhood fellowship? Pastor Jody is looking for a group of ladies to join her at the Choose Women's Event at the Sioux City Convention Center. The event includes shopping, worship, concert with original music, and inspirational teaching.

11:00 am registration and shopping with program to follow from 1-3:00 pm. Additional shopping available from 3-5:00 pm. Here is the link for registration- <https://chooseministry.ticketspice.com/choose-womens-event>  
The cost is \$31.50 for 1 person or \$211.50 for a table of 8. Let Pastor Jody know if you are interested in attending and we can leave right after church.

# Salem Lutheran Church Fundraiser - Orders Due Sunday, April 14th

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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	YXS	YS	YM	YL	YXL	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	QTY	X PRICE	TOTAL
Tan Bella T-Shirt														\$20	

	YXS	YS	YM	YL	YXL	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	QTY	X PRICE	TOTAL
Tan Bella Hooded Sweatshirt														\$34	



	YXS	YS	YM	YL	YXL	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	QTY	X PRICE	TOTAL
Heather Dust Bella T-Shirt														\$20	

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Please make checks payable to KMK Apparel & Design # Items Ordered  Amount Paid



# SALEM'S DRIVE THRU BROASTED LOIN DINNER

SPONSORED BY:

SALEM LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP GROUP

SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH 2024

11:30 AM TO 1:30 PM

**\$15** PER MEAL

## MENU

BROASTED LOIN CHOP

POTATOES/GRAVY

DINNER ROLL

COLE SLAW

CORN

DESSERT

*Proceeds will help support  
the Tanzania Mission Trip!*

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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CORRECTIONVILLE, IA





# April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4  Pastor's day off	5	6 <i>Encountering God Bible Study 9:00 am and crochet/knitting time</i>
7 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>  9:00 Fellowship 10:00 Worship	8	9	10	11  Pastor's day off	12	13 <i>Encountering God Bible Study 9:00 am and crochet/knitting time</i>
14 <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> 9:00 Fellowship 10:00 Worship <b>Pork Loin Dinner</b> 11:30-1:30	15	16	17	18  Pastor's day off	19	20 <i>Encountering God Bible Study 9:00 am and crochet/knitting time</i>
21 <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> Salem Council Mtg after Worship 9:00 Fellowship 10:00 Worship	22  <b>Newsletter Items Due</b>	23	24	25  Pastor's day off	26	27 <i>Encountering God Bible Study 9:00 am and crochet/knitting time</i>
28 <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>  9:00 Fellowship 10:00 Worship	29	30	<b>Salem Contact Info</b> Pastor Phone: (712) 490-0322 Email: stillherboldj@gmail.com Pam Bottorff.....712-212-1462 Council President		Newsletter Contact Clark Byers Email cabetal@wiatel.net Salem Lutheran Web Site: <a href="http://salemlutheraniowa.com/">http://salemlutheraniowa.com/</a> Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/salemcorrectionville">https://www.facebook.com/salemcorrectionville</a>	