

Salem Lutheran Church

OUTREACH

February 2015

We invite you to join us for our weekly Worship Services:

Sundays:

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship - Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service - Sanctuary

Wednesdays:

6:00 p.m. Casual Worship Service – Chapel

10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Worship – Chapel (**Feb. 25 – March 25**)

7:15 p.m. Lenten Services – Sanctuary (**February 18 – March 25**)



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MISSION

Salem Lutheran Church members have known and now extend to others the invitation from Jesus Christ to know him and his gifts of forgiveness, hope, peace, and purpose. Our desire is to be a welcoming place in service to the Lord who has welcomed us. We seek to grow in our faith through meaningful [worship and study](#). We seek to share the gifts of Christ, both as individuals who reach out in love to our families, our community, our workplaces, and our world, and also as a congregation reaching out with meaningful and supportive services and programming to people of all ages. We seek to be servants, following the example of our Lord Jesus, who said that the greatest life is not the one lived simply for itself, but for the benefit of others.



By Pr. Peter Soli,
Interim Pastor

Wholeness in Christ: Our Need...God's Healing

The Lenten season offers an opportunity to focus on a particular theme from scripture. This year's focus for Wednesday Lenten services will be **Our Need...God's Healing**. Jesus our healer, has inspired churches to establish hospitals, nursing homes, to provide counseling, and more. During Lent we are reminded of his healing power and presence.

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 18th with Ash Wednesday. On each of the five Wednesdays following Ash Wednesday, we will consider five basic needs for healing. Each service will include hymns, scripture, the message, and individual or family healing prayer. For those who would like to enjoy a soup supper a weekly fellowship meal will be served every Wednesday from 6-7 pm.

Lutheran tradition equates healing with salvation – which is being made whole. “Being made whole,” (some would say “being saved”) is a Spiritual experience and it also has emotional, mental and physical aspects. Through Christ we believe that God offers us the promise that we can be at peace in our body, mind, and spirit. That is, that we can be made whole. We are saved by the love of God in Christ Jesus.

People's experiences with healing are no doubt mixed. Healing might conjure up images of television preachers slaying people with the Spirit; or a revival meeting where the woman tosses aside her crutches and walks across the stage; or healing might remind us of a questionable preacher pocketing the offering in the name of the Lord.

Healing will bring to mind personal experiences. These will be varied. Some may remember a time of earnest prayer for themselves or others and only to have nothing happen. Others will recall prayers answered and lives turned around by the healing grace of God. It is important to acknowledge the wide range of experiences people have had with healing. Despite these different experiences, it is also important to acknowledge that all of us have a need for healing in our lives. During this Lenten season we will be prayerfully asking God to hear and heal us.

We live together in an imperfect, broken and sinful world. The healing we experience now will be partial. Full healing awaits us in heaven. We see in scripture Jesus' marvelous healings. These are signs of God's compassion, mercy and the power that lives in Jesus and how God seeks to bless us here on earth. We can be confident that God will heal us.

February 18	12:00 & 7:15 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship
February 25	7:15 pm	Healing for Shame and Guilt
March 4	7:15 pm	Healing for Anger and Resentment
March 11	7:15 pm	Healing for Disease and Disability
March 18	7:15 pm	Healing for Destructive Habits and Addictions
March 25	7:15 pm	Healing for Broken Relationships
April 2	7:15 pm	Maundy Thursday – First Communion
April 3	7:15 pm	Good Friday Worship

Salem Lutheran Church Council Minutes January 12, 2015

President Harris Honsey called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Members present were Harris Honsey, Scott Hagenson, Steve Nelson, Mike Swenson, Deb Throne, Yvonne Beenken, Karla Eaton, Keith Johnson, Janelle Gilbertson, Tami Alphas, and Pastor Soli. Pastor Soli opened the meeting with a presentation about what kind of leadership Salem Church is looking for. It was moved by Deb, seconded by Tami, to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. All approved.

Secretary's Report: A note of thanks from the Winnebago County Task Force was read.

Treasurer's Report: Mike reported a checking account balance of \$57,872.74. Total income for December was \$63,032.18 and total expenses were \$43,984.59.

Financial Secretary's Report: Deb reported an increase in giving in December. Total general giving was \$47,501.71 for the month.

Board of Worship and Music: No report.

Board of Stewardship and Social Ministry: Keith reported that the Time and Talent sheets have been tabulated into one report and handed out copies.

Board of Education: Janelle reported that things are going well. The Sunday School students will be singing at the 9:30 service on Sunday, January 25.

Board of Youth: Karla reported that they continue to hold the Fifth Quarter gatherings for high school and middle school students with One in Christ Parish. A skating party has been scheduled for February 15 at the Mason City roller skating rink.

Board of Life and Growth: Tami reported that they are making plans for Melinda's ordination. It will be on Sunday, February 8. A reception will be held following the service.

Board of Property and Management: Steve asked about the need to organize a group to look at a long range plan for the education unit. He hopes that something could be put together during 2015.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Soli reported on importance of the ordination for Melinda McCluskey. It was moved by Tami and seconded by Janelle to contact the Altar Guild in regards to a gift for Melinda. All approved. He presented a written report concerning the progress of the Transition Team. He offered a time line for the steps to be taken this year by a new call committee. During Lent, a meal and worship service will be held on Wednesday evenings. In addition, a service will also be scheduled in the mornings, just before noon, on Wednesdays. Pastor Soli would like as many boards as possible to schedule their monthly meetings on the same day. Wednesdays before the next regular Council meeting would be the preferred day. Pastor Soli reported on the need to rebuild the Salem web site and incorporate a Paypal account. **Minutes**

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SALEM WOMEN of the ELCA

Altar Guild for February

Tuesday, February 3, 7:00 p.m.

Mission Quilters

Monday, February 9, 1:00 p.m.

WELCA Meeting

Thursday, February 19, 2:00 p.m.

Hostess: Sarah Circle

Program: Deborah Circle

Altar Guild for February

Candy Hanna and Medara Winter

Communion Schedule

Sundays, February 1, 15

Wednesdays, February 15, 22

Ordination: February 8 (3:00 p.m.)

Ash Wednesday: February 18 (Noon & 7:15 p.m.)

Mills Harbour & LMCC

Wednesday, February 25

Lake Mills Care Center

Birthday Gifts: Elizabeth Circle

Program: Miriam Circle

Is Church Still On?

It's the time of year where we need to pay attention to the weather. If we have an emergency schedule change we will notify you through the following media:

- **KIOW Radio 107.3 FM (Forest City)** **KIMT TV (Channel 3)**
- Through the Salem website: www.salemlakemills.com. The first page you see will tell you what has changed.
- Through e-mail (provided you have signed up for this service on the website. Go to "Salem News" on the right and select "Subscribe to e-mail updates."
- Facebook...Find us & Like us at Salem Lutheran Church, Lake Mills

Confirmation Fellowship Event with One In Christ Parish Youth

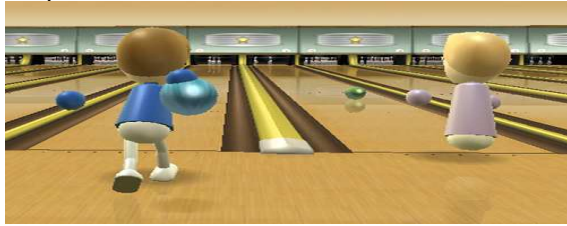
February 4, 2015

2:10 - 3:30 p.m. Confirmation Snack and Group Lesson

3:30 p.m. Youth will depart for the Super Bowl in Forest City
They will return to Winnebago Lutheran church for pizza.

Cost is \$8.

If you need help with the cost, contact the office or Pastor Soli.



Salem Lutheran Church Valentine Roller Skate Party

Sunday, February 15th 1 – 3 pm
Roller City in Mason City



*A party for members, friends,
neighbors AND Your
Valentine!!*

**Meet at Roller City...1:00 PM
Cost \$5.00**

***Bring a snack to share or visit the
concession stand.***

January Council Minutes Continued

This is something he can do. It was moved by Mike and seconded by Deb to go ahead with this. All approved. It was moved by Scott and seconded by Karla to accept these reports. All approved.

Old Business: Harris reported that the Wednesday evening meals will be discontinued after Lent. During Lent, a soup supper will be served by confirmation students and their families.

New Business: There were no visitors. Plans for the annual meeting were discussed. There will be one service that day, at 9:30, followed by a brunch which Ruth will plan and prepare. The meeting will follow. Scott presented the 2015 ballot. It was moved by Keith and seconded by Mike to accept the ballot. All approved. Mike reported that a 2015 budget will be ready but has not yet been approved by the Council. They have added a \$5000 amount to be used by the Call Committee. The new budget should still be less than previous ones. He would like to move the remaining Preschool funds into the reserve funds. The money would still be available should the Preschool be started again. It was moved by Steve and seconded by Scott to do this. All approved. There was extensive discussion on a proposal for a change in the church secretary job description and creation of a new communications position. Involved in this is a switch in software for the finances of the church and a move to keep all financial records and supplies at the Church. A communications director would work to improve church communications online and in print. A new software program would make budgeting and accounting easier to understand. Harris announced a bequest from the estate of Sterling Thompson of \$2000. A motion to adjourn was made by Scott and seconded by Keith. All approved. We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting of the Council will be on January 19 at 5:30 to discuss the 2015 budget.

Respectfully submitted,
Yvonne Beenken

Salem Lutheran Church Council Minutes - January 19, 2015

President Harris Honsey called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Members present were Harris Honsey, Scott Hagenson, Mike Swenson, Deb Throne, Yvonne Beenken, Janelle Gilbertson, Tami Alphs, Karla Eaton, Keith Johnson, Steve Nelson, and Pastor Soli. Pastor Soli opened the meeting with prayer. There were no reports or old business. There were no visitors present.

New Business: The first item of business was to prepare a ballot for the Call Committee. Twelve names were agreed upon for nomination. It was moved by Scott and seconded by Keith to present the ballot to the congregation for a vote at the Annual Meeting to fill a seven member Call Committee. All approved.

Minutes continued...

The second item of business was the approval of the 2015 Budget. Expenses are estimated at \$429,254.00. Steve motioned to present the new budget to the congregation at the Annual Meeting with a second by Janelle. All approved.

Finally, there was a discussion regarding a proposal for the creation of a new communications director position. This individual would be responsible for adding information to the Salem website, layout and editing of the newsletter, posting Salem news to Facebook, and issuing releases to the local newspaper. This would be a part-time position. A notice will be placed in the Bulletin and Outreach to find potential candidates. It was moved by Scott and seconded by Steve to authorize the creation of this new position. All approved.

A motion to adjourn was made by Scott and seconded by Keith. All approved. We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer. The next Council meeting will be February 9, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Yvonne Beenken

FINANCIAL REPORT January 2015

Income: \$21,907

Expenses: \$33,871

(\$11,964)

Year to Date

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FUNERALS:

Geneva Martinson

Clarice Felland

Richard "Don" Twito

MEMORIALS

Given by the family of

Ross Throlson: Cemetery \$45

Germaine Lepird: Good Samaritan \$245

Clarice Felland: Mission Quilters \$50,
Clothes Closet \$10, General Fund \$20

Harlan Evenson: Clothes Closet \$30



Reserve your special date to sponsor the 2013 8:30 a.m. worship service broadcast on K1OW (107.3 FM) radio in Forest City. The service can also be heard at 8:30 a.m. on cable channel 2.

Call the office to reserve your dates.

Cost for 2015 is \$83.

Dates available for 2015:

Feb. 22, March 8, April 12, 19, 26,
May 3, 10, 17, 31, July 19, Aug. 30,
Oct. 18, Nov. 1, 15, 29, Dec. 6, 13, 27

New Worship Service Opportunity in Lent

Wednesday Morning Worship Starts February 25

Throughout his ministry Jesus offered healing to those suffering from physical and emotional ailments. Join us to study how Jesus offers healing to the broken and sinful world in which we live. This Lenten Season Salem is offering an alternative to the evening Lenten service. Salem will be offering a service at 10:00 a.m. on five Wednesdays: February 25, and March 4, 11, 18, and 25. On these Wednesday mornings you are invited to gather in the Chapel for worship, hymns, scripture, prayer, and a Bible Study. This morning worship service will complement the evening service which will take the form of a healing service.



Did you know that with the generosity and giving hearts of this community that:

- 133 Children ~ 57 different families had a happier Christmas due to your donations to Toys for Tots—A sincere Thank you from the organizers, Bill, Leon & Joan
- 119 Children ~ 52 different families had a merrier Christmas due to your donations to Operation Clothes for Kids. ~ A sincere thank you from the organizers and recipient families
- 84 Families had a wonderful Christmas dinner due to the generosity of Poet and many residents here in Lake Mills ~ A sincere thank you from the Food Shelf Organizational Staff ~ Pastors Bill Peters, Doug Domokos and Jerry Robertson
- 30 pairs of boots, 24 snow pants, 53 winter coats warms children and family members due to the generosity of this community ~ Thank you from the school nurse, Joan Krull
- The food shelf was filled to the brim, rides were given to those needing them to Toys for Tots, presents were wrapped under many Christmas Trees, and smiles were shining as we supported children, families, and individuals who needed a helping hand.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity Lake Mills!



BASKETS of PROMISE

This Lent we're joining Lutheran World Relief's **Baskets of Promise** campaign. Each week we'll collect a different item that we'll use to assemble **Personal Care Kits** that give people around the world tools to stay healthy in life's most challenging situations.

Our goal is to assemble 175 LWR Kits during Lent.

HERE IS OUR COLLECTION SCHEDULE:

February 22: Bars of Soap (4 – 5 ounces any brand, in original wrapping)

March 1: Bath Towels (Light-weight, dark color, maximum 52" X 27")

March 8: Toothbrushes (Adult size, in original packaging)

March 15: Combs

March 22: Nail Clippers (Metal, attached file optional)

March 29: Bars of Soap

Each week the above items may be placed in the basket in the narthex.



Time to think about Bible Camps!

Registrations forms for area Bible Camps are available on the Education Board table or online at these websites:

www.ewalu.org

www.okoboji.org

www.riversidelbc.org

Salem WELCA will be provide scholarship funds to help with camp costs. **Contact Pastor Soli with any additional financial needs.**

Contact the Salem office if you plan on attending any Camp and register early to take advantage of Camp discounts!



*By the grace of God and
the call of the church
Melinda McVey McCluskey
will be ordained*

*to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament
in Christ's one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church
on Sunday, February 8, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.*

*Melinda will also be installed
as Salem's Associate Pastor.*

Your prayers and presence are requested.

Ordination Choir Practice

2:00 p.m. Sunday, February 8 at 2:00 p.m.

**Please join us for practice if you would like to be
part of the ordination choir.**



Job Posting - Communications Director

Salem has a new part-time position with a stipend for a Communications Director. This person would be responsible for editing the monthly Outreach newsletter. They would also update Salem's website and provide a regular presence on Facebook. From time to time they would coordinate articles for local and area news agencies.

The person who might perform these duties will need to be familiar with computer operation, word processing, working with photos, and Facebook. They will need to be able to take initiative, work well with others, and make deadlines.

The position is currently open. If interested, please contact the church office before February 4th for additional information and to set up and interview.

Ministry

Prayer Chain Ministry is a network of people who are committed to prayer and will take action on behalf of others. If you will pray for those in need, sign up to be notified either by email or phone. If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, call the office and the prayer requests will go right out, via email and phone. All requests will be confidential among the prayer chain ministry.

Call Helen at the office (592-1771) with requests.

Worship Ministry for January

Greeters (8:30 a.m. only)

February 1, 8:

Keith & Becky Johnson

February 15, 22:

Vern & Carole Hagen

Readers (8:30 a.m. only)

February 1: Roy Kvale

February 8: Gladys Biehl

February 15: Tami Alphs

February 22: Margaret Okland

Communion Servers February 1, 15:

8:30 a.m.:

Russ & Sue Myli

Mark & Tami Alphs

Don Aamodt

If you are unable to greet, read or serve, please find a substitute and let the office know.

If you would like to have communion served to you in the pew please make this known to an usher.

Opportunities

A **Prayer Shawl** is for anyone in need of prayer, hope, comfort and love of a community. Prayer Shawls, hand knit or crocheted by Salem members, are available in the narthex for you to wrap someone in need. There is also a Prayer Book. You may sign the name of someone you take the shawl for and they will be included in our weekly prayers of the church.



5-CENT BOTTLES AND CANS CAN BE RETURNED TO THE RECYCLING CONTAINER AT THE SOUTH END OF ALLEY. Bottles and cans should be rinsed, and then placed in plastic bags (either garbage bags or grocery sacks). **Funds are split between the Education & Youth Boards.**

David's Super Foods and Bills Grocery receipts, Kemps milk tops, pop tabs, Campbell soup labels and eye glasses may be left in the baskets on top of the coat rack in the west hall of the Education unit. Please do not roll up grocery receipts.

Pop Can Tabs for Ronald McDonald House may be deposited in the container near the pop machine.

PRAYER FAMILIES

February 1

Jason & Stephanie Gilbertson Family,
Jeremy & Janelle Gilbertson Family,
Steve & Kathy Gilbertson,
Ben/Chelsey Ghery, Curtis/Linda
Graham, Sean Greenfield, Andy
Gregor, Bruce/Dolly Gregor,
Steve/Rosalie Greiman, David/Lori
Groe

February 8

Helen Groe, Loren Groe Family,
Lovene Groe, Sandra Groe,
Steve/Melissa Groe Family, Brittany
Grothe, Don/Ila Grothe, Josh Grothe,
Kevin/Chrissy Grothe Family, Kray
Grothe

February 15

Randy/Christi Grothe Family,
Kermit/Blanche Grunhovd, Duane/
Judy Gudmonson, Courtney Gulick,
Zachary Gulick, Anthony
Nelson/Miranda Gulick Family,
Jed/Tiarria Hacker Family, Holly
Hagen Family, Michael Hagen
Family, Vern/Carole Hagen

February 22

Peter Hagenon, Scott/Shelly
Hagenon Family, Adrian Halvorson,
Michael Hamilton, Tammy Hamilton,
Alex Haney, Heather Haney Family,
Andrew/Alyssa Hanna Family,
Doug/Candy Hanna, Ovila Hanna



LAKE MILLS FOOD SHELF

The Food Shelf is open every Monday from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. It is located in the lower level of the Civic Center. If you have any questions contact Pastor Bill Peters, 641.590.2737 or Pastor Doug Domokos, 641.590.3762.

Please remember: Milk, eggs and fresh meat are always in demand and cash donations are appreciated for frozen/refrigerated items.

Items that are in high demand:

Corn, Peas, Carrots, Green Beans
Tuna Helper
Paper Products
Pasta Noodles
Cereal – Hot and Cold
Four, Sugar
Shampoo/Conditioner
Disposable Diapers: sizes 3, 4, 5, 6
Baby Wipes: Unscented

Cash donations are appreciated for items such as: milk, eggs, butter, hamburger, chicken, hot dogs, etc., which is purchased at David's Foods.



Care Giver's Support Group

Next meeting is Tuesday, February 10, 10:00 a.m. in Salem's Lounge

This meeting is open to anyone who is caring for a person with any type of chronic illness. There is no fee — you do not have to sign up to come, you are not obligated to anyone. For more information call Rachel at 641.530.5577.