

# Chapel Chimes

"SHARING FAITH, LIFTING UP, REACHING OUT AND GROWING TOGETHER."

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SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, PLYMOUTH, WISCONSIN



## First Notes

by Rev. Jim Hoppert

It's amazing how quickly things in Wisconsin can change in the span of a month: at the writing of last month's newsletter the temperatures were warmer than seasonal and the grass was green, and now we have at least two feet on the snow on the ground and the temperatures are seasonable for January. The traditional seasons have not forgotten us and time marches on.

For those of us tasked with planning and organizing the worship life of the church, time marches on even more quickly this year. Easter falls a bit earlier this year—March 31st—meaning that the time between the First Sunday after Epiphany and Ash Wednesday is shorter. It is to be expected: in the average of once in a handful of years, Easter will fall in March. Salem's Worship Team has already prepared a schedule of worship and study for the Wednesdays in Lent, so the bases are covered.

Like last year, we will start out Lent with Ash Wednesday worship in the sanctuary on February 14th at 7:00 p.m. with a service that features the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. After that, we will begin five weeks of Lenten activities very similar to last year's schedule. We will gather for a simple meal between 5:30 p.m. and 6:15 p.m., move to a moment of study from 6:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., break into smaller group activities from 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m., and conclude with vesper worship at 7:15 p.m. This year our study theme will be "Feeding our Faith," which will be reflections on short videos that focus on the Eucharist (the themes to be covered each of the particular Wednesdays is still being determined at this writing).

We will also carry this format into Maundy Thursday (a move we considered doing for last year's series already): a simple meal followed by worship with Holy Communion at the tables in Fellowship Hall. More details on this will follow in the weeks ahead, but to get started, there is a sign-up form for hosting and helping with simple suppers later in this newsletter.

Our time between Jesus and the waters of baptism and the start of the journey to Jerusalem and cross is a short one this year, so let's make the best use of it as we begin to transition our hearts and minds to the pilgrimage ahead.

Shalom aleichem—Peace be with you.

Rev. Jim Hoppert

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## **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: FEBRUARY 25**

The annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 25 immediately after the 10 a.m. worship service.

Annual meeting books are in production and will be available in the narthex and/or church office in the next couple of weeks.

Please mark your calendars to join us for this meeting---your input is important!

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**SCIO (Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization) is just one of 10 groups in Sheboygan County that work with homeless individuals and families.**

**There is a high need for these items: diapers, cleaning products, feminine hygiene items, deodorant, laundry supplies, paper products, and garbage bags.**

**If you bring items, just place in the church office and we will deliver them at the end of February.**

**Thank you for your generous support.**



**The Food Pantry item being collected during February is baked beans.**

# February Lectionary Readings

## Sunday, February 4

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalms 147:1-11, 20c

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

## Sunday, February 11

Hebrew Scripture: 2 Kings 2:1-12

Psalms 50:1-6

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

## Wednesday, February 14

### Ash Wednesday

Hebrew Scripture: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Psalms 51:1-17

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Gospel: Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21

## Sunday, February 18

Hebrew Scripture: Genesis 9:8-17

Psalms 25:1-10

Epistle: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

## Sunday, February 25

Hebrew Scripture: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalms 22:23-31

Epistle: Romans 4:13-25

Gospel: Mark 8:31-38



In case of inclement weather please tune to 1420AM (Cow Country) or 1330AM (WHBL) for any weather-related cancellations. You can also view cancellations on WTMJ 4, FOX 6 and WISN 12. If Confirmation classes are cancelled on Wednesday evenings, students will be contacted.

## 130 YEARS IN 1926?

In 2 years, Salem will celebrate it's 130th Year Anniversary. A reminder to take pictures here and there and share with the church office so that we might create a file for resources to draw from.



will host coffee hour before and after worship on February 4.

***Blessings for a joyful day and for the coming year.***

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

2/1 Greta Debbink  
2/2 Lorena McKerrow  
2/6 Dale Zimmermann  
2/8 Lori Holzer  
2/9 Avrien Gerhardt Garcia  
2/9 Abigail Hoppert

2/12 Dale Katsma  
2/14 Dale Vanderkin  
2/14 Georgine Littlefield  
2/15 Carol Fenner  
2/16 Andrew Hartmann  
2/16 David Bohrmueller

2/23 Betty Klemme  
2/24 Jered Krueger  
2/25 Gloria Eldredge  
2/26 Isaac Feldner  
2/27 Sam Meyer  
2/28 Nathan Mauk  
2/29 Kaye Theune



*We send our warmest thoughts  
to these members*

Dolores Bohrmueller  
Rollie Bruggink  
Andrea Kapellen  
Georgine Littlefield  
Carole Hummell

Marian Lisowe  
Eugene Boll  
Mariann Picard  
Tim Miller  
Margaret Johnston



**WANT TO SPREAD SOME JOY?**

There's a 2nd grade class in Nebraska doing a little experiment. Their goal is to get a valentine or postcard from as many states (or countries) as possible.

Send a postcard to Mr. Krayer's Class at Wildewood Elementary 8071 Ralston Ave., Ralston, NE 68127



# LENT SIMPLE SUPPERS START FEBRUARY 21ST

Come and join us for food and fellowship each Wednesday during Lent as well as Maundy Thursday. Volunteers to help with various aspects are needed; please see the sign-up form below or contact the church office.

## SIGN UP FOR LENT SIMPLE SUPPERS 2024

Our Lenten suppers will benefit OCWM (Our Church's Wider Mission) again. The first of six Lent suppers will be on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>.

Come and join us for food and fellowship each week leading up to Holy Week and on Maundy Thursday. We will be looking for volunteers to make soups, sandwiches, or simple suppers of your choice as the cook. We are also looking for donations\* if you can't make a meal or dessert.

If you have questions, please contact the church office.

### Meals start at 5:30 PM on Wednesdays and Maundy Thursday

	Feb 21	Feb 28	March 6	March 13	March 20	March 28
Soup maker 1 – 1 Nesco			Tom Daigle			
Soup maker 2 – 1 Nesco			Andy Hartmann			
Milk – 1 gallon						
Dessert						
Dessert						
Dessert						
Set up						
Clean up						
Clean up						

Soup makers are asked to bring soup and clean up on the night they sign up. Lunchmeat, bread, and cheese will be available for the evening.

We will have creamy peanut butter and jelly available.

Please consider \*donating: 1 pound butter, Saltines or Oyster crackers, a gallon of milk, different types of cheeses, squeezable mayonnaise, squeezable jelly, creamy peanut butter, lunchmeat (unless the meal is not soup & sandwiches), or small paper dessert plates



# NIGHT TO SHINE 2024



Theme: "Love Grows Here"

**The big event is the evening of Friday, Feb. 9! Let's show the honored Kings and Queens of Night to Shine and the local community how Love Grows Here as we transform Salem with an elegant Valentine's theme for our 2024 event.**

After months of planning, Night to Shine is coming quickly! There are so many ways to help and it is not too late to get involved!

We need all types of volunteers to make this happen. Consider serving as a Buddy or in another volunteer role. – Visit <https://sheboygancounty.nighttoshine.com/> for more details.


If you are unable to commit to a formal role, we welcome an hour or two of help before or after the event. **If you like to iron**, we have many tablecloths that needs wrinkles removed. There will be opportunities to **assist with setup and decorating** throughout that week. Help is also needed to **move furniture back into place and clean up** (just about every room) in the church, starting around 7 p.m. on February 9. Sign-up sheets for these activities are available in the Narthex.

Here to Cheer volunteers are needed to fill the pews on February 9th. (All ages are welcome to join in – kids need to be accompanied by an adult.) You can **lend a hand by coming to applaud (or wave)** for each King and Queen as they are introduced and walk the Red Carpet in our sanctuary turned crowning room. Plan to arrive between 4:30 and 5 p.m. and stay until 7 p.m. if you are able. Parking at Salem may be limited, so carpooling is encouraged. No advance signup required. Please come and bring your friends and family! Imagine how much joy you would stir in the hearts of our Kings and Queens – and possibly your own – by just coming out to cheer...

If anyone would like to learn more about this spectacular event, please talk with Cyndi Huibregtse, Linda Bosman or me. We hope you will consider ways you can contribute to making February 9th an evening to remember! Everyone's prayers are appreciated!

Blessings,  
Mary Bender

# February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 9:00am Church School 9:15am Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship 7pm Alcoholics Anon- ymous	5 9:00am Men's Coffee	6 <i>Items due for Bulletin</i> 10:00am Staff 7:00pm Narcotics Anon.	7 2:00pm Salem Green Communion 6:15pm Confirmation 7:00pm Chancel Choir Night to Shine set-up	8 <i>Items due for Council meeting</i> Night to Shine Set-up	9 4:30pm Night to Shine event	10
11 <i>Holy Communion</i> 9:00am Church School 10:00am Worship 7pm Alcoholics Anon- ymous	12 9:00am Men's Coffee 9:00am Women's Coffee 6:30pm Worship Team meeting	13 <i>Items due for Bulletin</i> 10:00am Staff 6:30pm Council meeting 7:00pm Narcotics Anon.	14 6:15pm Confirmation 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship	15	16	17
18 9:00am Church School 10:00am Worship 7pm Alcoholics Anon- ymous	19 <i>Newsletter articles due</i> 9:00am Men's Coffee	20 <i>Items due for Bulletin</i> 10:00am Staff 1:00pm Salem Green Board meeting	21 5:30pm Simple Supper 7:15pm Vesper Service 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	22	23	24
25 9:00am Church School 10:00am Worship 11:00am Annual Cong. Meeting 7pm Alcoholics Anon- ymous	26 9:00am Men's Coffee 6:30pm Personnel Team meeting	27 <i>Items due for Bulletin</i> 10:00am Staff 7:00pm Narcotics Anon.	28 5:30pm Simple Supper 7:15pm Vesper Service 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	29		

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