

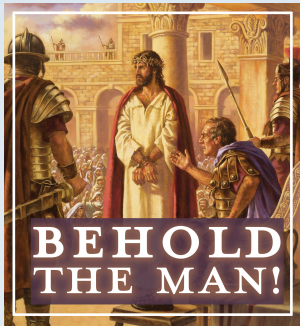
# Salem Lutheran Church & Preschool

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*To love God, to love people & to spread God's word*



## BEHOLD THE MAN!

Our Lenten season begins Wednesday, March 6 @ 6:00 pm with a delicious potluck preceding our Ash Wednesday communion service at 7:00 pm. We will continue our theme, Behold the Man! each Sunday as we draw closer to God during this holy season."

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. . . . The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, the glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

—John 1:1-3, 14

"Behold the man!" proclaimed the unwitting preacher Pontius Pilate in one of the shortest, yet most profound, sermons ever recorded. This will be our endeavor this Lententide and Easter Sunday. Behold the man, God in human flesh, Jesus. His incarnation will provide the basis for our meditation and proclamation on His Passion. And His real, bodily suffering and death will provide the basis for our full-throated proclamation on Easter morning of a bodily resurrection, not just of Jesus but also for His saints. Real bodies that have suffered, wept, bled, prayed, eaten, hoped, and more will be those raised incorruptible from their graves on the day of Jesus' return.

We will fix our eyes and our preaching on the man Jesus, contemplating the inescapable fact—indeed the most important fact in the course of human history—that God became man. The Second Person of the eternal, triune God, who we confess in the Nicene Creed as "God of God, Light of light, very God of very God . . . of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made," became a living, breathing, flesh-and-blood human being, a man.

Each week, we'll consider a different aspect of the body of Jesus Christ. What does it mean that, in Jesus, God has hands, feet, lungs, lips, eyes, and ears?

Behold the man! In sermon, in study, in devotion, behold the man! God's richest blessings my friends,

Pastor Eric Goodwin  
John 3:16-17

## WEEKEND WORSHIP

Saturdays at 4:00 pm  
Sundays at 10:30 am  
Sunday School at 9:00 am

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## Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 6th  
Pot Luck dinner ~ 6:00 pm  
Communion Service~7:00 pm



# Easter Flower Sale

Order your Lilies, Mums, Tulips and Hyacinths for the altar on Easter Sunday. Please call the church office at 716.592.4893 to place an order. Orders need to be in by March 19th, money is due when order is placed. Proceeds will benefit the 2019 Confirmation classes cost to Confirmand's Retreat at Camp Pioneer this summer. Thank you for your support!



# Stephen Ministry

It has been a very rewarding year for us in the Stephen Ministry family. Pastor Goodwin has been a vital source of support, comfort and guidance. Stephen Ministry has been active at Salem since 2003 when I went for leaders training in Pittsburgh PA. We answered a call from our Lord which was presented to us by our former minister, Pastor Bickel. Through the years, He has sustained us, since this is JESUS' MINISTRY. Salem's Stephen Ministers are Courtney Snyder, Debra Cappella, Larry Goodwin, Jacquelyn Glenn, Linda Benkelman, Sue Senecal and Melissa Fanton. These ministers are the backbone of what we are and what we do. They have the gifts of mercy, love and compassion. Do you have these gifts that you may want to join our team? If so please speak with Pastor Goodwin or me.

A new class of Stephen Ministers will be starting in the Fall. I pray this invitation will be carried to the heart of someone who has a call to their heart from the Holy Spirit. We are looking forward to Melissa Fanton going for a week of training to be a Stephen Minister Leader. Great blessings await her and our church as we continue to grow. So much for Salem to look forward to! Pray for us as we continue with the work that was first given to Stephen the apostle.

Acts 6:7 "And so the Word of God continued to spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem grew larger and larger, and a great number of priests accepted the faith."

In Christ's service,  
Lois Kenyon  
Stephen Ministry Leader



# Community Spaghetti Dinners

March 21 at 5:00 - 6:30 pm



# Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center:

www.pioneercamp.org 716-549-1420

## Upcoming Events:

Sunday March 10 at 1:30 pm

Taste of Pioneer Join us to taste some of Pioneers most loved dishes. And bring your favorite dish to be entered in a fun & friendly competition! Tickets available at the camp.



**Lakeshore Circuit** - Lenten Luncheon and Bible Study at Camp Pioneer!

You are invited to join us for a light lunch and Bible study at Camp Pioneer, every Wednesday during Lent, starting at 1 pm. The study will be of Luther's Small Catechism, which is a great resource for Evangelism, daily living, and finding answers to spiritual questions. Don't worry - there will be no memory work! Our focus will be to teach you how to utilize on of the greatest spiritual reference tools ever published, to enrich your life, and the lives of those around you. So, come one, come all. Bring a friend. Together, we can help each other grow in understanding and applying God's Word, as we study Martin Luther's Small Catechism. This will be a great opportunity for spiritual growth and fellowship with those in our joint churches and community.

April 5 - 6 Father & Son Rocket Retreat

May 11 Road Rally

May 17 - 19 Jr. & Sr. High School Retreat

MY 24 - 27 Family Work Weekend

May 31 - June 2 Men's Retreat

Sundays at Pioneer June - August 2019

Community Church Service at 10:00 am

Brunch from 10:30 until 12 pm

Brunch tickets can be purchased at the camp store.

# Holy Week & Easter Schedule

April 18th, Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm

(First Communion for our Confirmands)

April 19th, Good Friday Service 7:00 pm

No Service on Saturday, April 20th

Easter - Sunrise Service 7:30 am

Easter Brunch 9:00 am

Easter Worship 10:30 am



# Mid-Week Adult Bible Study

Wednesday at 1 pm in Sanctuary. We will start a new study on the Book of Daniel beginning mid March.

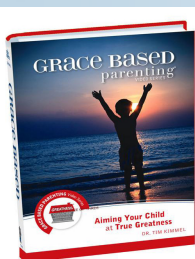
## Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Egg Hunt Palm Sunday, April 14th 12:30 - 2 pm  
Hot Dog lunch after church  
followed by an Easter Egg hunt for 1 - 10 yr. Olds. "Petting zoo", coloring, craft & veggie tales movie in basement. Led by our Youth Group



## Grace Based Parenting Part III -

Aiming Your Child at True Greatness



How often have you heard heartbroken parents say that they gave their kids everything they ever wanted in life and yet their kids are ungrateful, selfish and distant?

Part III of the Grace Based Parenting DVD series will show you as a parent

how to raise kids who are focused upwards on God and outwards on others instead of solely inwards on themselves. These seven powerful sessions, with helpful discussion guides will help you raise kids who are humble, generous, grateful and serve others, your house will be a place everyone wants to come home to.

Classes Begin March 17th at 12:30 pm See Pastor or Matt Fanton if you are interested.



Our Youth Group enjoying a day of sledding

## Preschool News - Amy Tillinghast



Local dentist, Amy Schmitt-Kingston, visited the preschool with her staff during Dental Health month in February.



Before the Christmas program

## Got Stuff??

Start saving your treasures for our

Rummage Sale  
April 6 9-1 pm



## A Testimonial - by Clyde Drake



Hello my name is Clyde Drake and I first attended Salem Lutheran church as a high school senior 51 years ago. It was at the invitation of a pretty young redhead named Sue Everts who asked me to attend the Christmas Eve candlelight service with her. How could I refuse? Sue who had attended Salem her whole life was already a Sunday school teacher. I managed to attend several other services throughout the year with Sue and after I returned home from one service I told my mother that I felt like Pastor Knueppel had been preaching directly to me. My mother who was the family historian for her generation promptly told me she wasn't surprised as my great great maternal grandfather Carl Joern had helped start Salem Lutheran Church being the congregation's first president.

In 1972 I would be married at Salem Lutheran Church to Sue Everts my gorgeous redheaded bride and joined the church the next year.

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Together we raised four children Brian, Daniel, Roxanne, and Julie. Each of our children were baptized, attended Sunday school and were confirmed at Salem. Both of our daughters were married at Salem.

Salem had become an important part of our lives and I looked for opportunities to serve. Since my father-in-law was head usher I was asked by him to become an usher and I performed this service for several years. Over the years I have been a Sunday School Teacher and then I served many years as the Sunday school treasurer. I was then elected to many terms as the Church Treasurer and held this position as we built the education building in 1991. I have been the congregational president and was personally proud to be the Congregational President as Salem celebrated its 125th anniversary in 1996. Although nothing was mentioned to my knowledge I was the only descendant present from the eight men who started our church back in 1871.

Opportunities for Christians to serve are not limited to church alone and in 1995 I was elected to the Griffith Institute school board for ten years and served as President for seven of those years. In 2014 I was elected to a four year term on the town board of the Town of Concord as a councilman. In 2018 I was elected to a four year term, and presently serve as Supervisor of the Town of Concord. Many people have asked why you put yourself through the aggravation and I always reply because you always hope to make a difference. A deeper theological question would be what would God have you do with your life or for what purpose were we created. The answer is not always evident but ours to discover.

Today our life continues to be blessed. We currently have nine grandchildren to love and watch as their lives take shape. Salem is growing under the leadership of Pastor Goodwin. Many opportunities for members to serve are available. I hope you will try to find Gods purpose for you. I have been married now for 46 years to the love of my life, my gorgeous red headed bride and we still attend and participate in weekly services at Salem. I am thankful Christ is a part of my life and that I said yes so many years ago.  
God's peace to you.

If you are interested in sharing your testimony with us, please call or email the church office