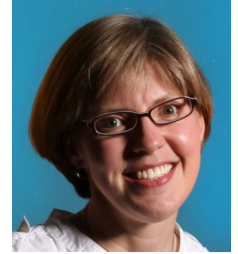


Surprising Life

A time capsule. Relatively heavy. A compact copper box just 9" x 9" x 5". What would we find inside? Had the weather seeped in destroying the keep-sakes? What was the mood of the day when it was first placed in that date stone? It's from 1904, right?

At first we thought a chisel and mallet might break the seal. Upon closer inspection, the e-mails flying between Paul Livdahl and Matt Darling spoke of small oscillating saws. Matt's careful work with the saw did the trick to open the well-sealed and well-preserved box of artifacts from... surprise, 1938!



A notice inside from Pastor Wetzler explained the 1938 building expansion plans and the July 24, 1938 mid-summer rally they held to place the date stone with this box tucked snug inside. Here's what he wrote,

"It was July 14, 1889 that this stone was first laid as the cornerstone of the first church. Forty nine years later, plus ten days, we use this stone as a marker to tell the coming generations of things that are now taking place. Would that we had a picture of that small company that gathered to lay the first corner stone! . . . How many souls have here heard the gospel, been partakers of the Word we shall never know. For what has been done we again say, 'Let Jesus Christ be praised.'"

In more recent years the cornerstone could be seen embedded in the additions and visible as one walked the ramp to the basement area. It turns out one side was marked A.D. 1889 from the first building, and then A.D. 1938 was added to another side.

What did we find inside? An 1889 Indian Penny, stamps, coins from 1938, the old organ key, pictures of the massive 1938 children's Bible School, names of everyone in attendance that day, pictures of pastors and the parsonage, newspaper clippings, a Bible and Catechism and service book, pledge envelopes promising gifts for the building, minutes from meetings, bulletins, and still more.

We know fears of death and a future marked by uncertainty more intimately than we'd like. In our warring world, in our concerns for Japan, in our worries over health, in the injustice of our day, in our church's long redevelopment process, we know how desperately Jesus' resurrected life is needed. And with Easter's empty tomb, life surprises us again—in resurrection, in 1889, in 1938, in 2011, in our congregation, in our neighborhood, in our lives, in our world. Praise be to God for resurrection life in the midst of death, for the faithfulness of the generations, and for the promise of ministry for tomorrow. I invite you to venture with us to the cross this Holy Week and Easter.

—Pastor Jen



Peeking into the 1938 Time Capsule!

Please Join Us for Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday—April 17, 8:30am and 10:30am

Palm processional and the passion story

Maundy Thursday—April 21, 7pm

The Lord's Supper, foot washing, and the stripping of the altar

Good Friday—April 22, 7pm

Hymns and readings and quiet prayer at the cross

Easter Sunday—April 24, 8:30am and 10:30am

The resurrection gospel, Holy Communion, opening the Alleluias! and God's promise of life in the midst of death. Easter Breakfast begins at 9:30am.



Salem News ...

Development and Partnership Update

- The housing is going up quickly thanks to pre-form elements in the design. Daily the shape changes. Check it out!
- The Ministry Center looks quiet, but action is beginning again.
- The Design Team includes leaders from each of the three churches; the team has approved a general plan and is still tweaking a few spaces.
- Our architect, LHB, is now working on construction documents for the new plan.
- The Kitchen Design Subcommittee continues to try to maximize our allowed space.
- The week of March 28, another phase of interior demolition will begin. The balcony needs to be reduced, remaining unneeded walls in the basement will be removed, and varied other removal work will be completed.
- In early/mid April, work on the entry-way addition will begin.
- We still anticipate move-in in November 2011.
- Our next ReDevelopment Forum will be April 17.



Easter Sunday—April 24

We celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord on Sunday, April 24 with a Traditional Service at 8:30am and our Jazz Service (still classic Easter hymns with jazz instrumentation) at 10:30am, both at Intermedia Arts. Both services will include Holy Communion. Between services, enjoy an Easter Breakfast sponsored by the youth and their families, and the young adults.

Easter Flowers

There are some classic pictures of Salem’s sanctuary (in one of its renditions) decked out with Easter flowers galore. Given our wilderness status at Intermedia Arts, it is harder than usual to celebrate Easter with a big “Easter garden.” More specifically, we can have flowers, but keeping them beyond Easter morning becomes a challenge. So, being a resourceful lot, we invite you to bring Easter flowers (lilies, tulips, and the like) to beautify our worship space AND THEN please bring them home to beautify your home. Many thanks for adding to the beauty and joy of Easter morning!

Easter Caroling

With a late Easter this year, we look forward to Easter Caroling in May!! Yes, it’s true: think Easter classics like Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Christ is Risen, Alleluia, and Now the Green Blade Rises. On May 15 we’ll go to the dwellings of some of our homebound members. Mark your calendars and watch for more information.

Salem Leadership

At the March 2011 council meeting, the following officers were affirmed. Thanks to all who serve. Please pray for their leadership:

- Congregational President**, Paul Wharton
- Congregational Vice President**, Antone Melton-Meaux
- Treasurer**, Jon Hanke, transitioning with Diann Uzelac and Myra Urness
- Secretary**, Ana Menk

Lent Study Continues: Enough for All

Based on the Bible study and discussion guide by A Minnesota Without Poverty, during Lent you are invited to participate in Enough for All. We meet each Wednesday at 7:45pm following Lenten Worship. The themes remaining include:

- Enough and the Economy
- Enough and Equality and Community
- Enough and Time
- Enough for All



More News ...

“Encountering Christ” This Lent

Salem’s 2011 Lenten theme is Encountering Christ in the wilderness. On Sunday mornings we encounter Christ through the eyes of a gospel character and each Wednesday during Lent our evening service includes testimony as a sister or brother shares of their encounter with Christ. Here are the themes for all of Lent and those offering testimony.

March 13 and 16, Lent 1

Wilderness of Alienation: Meeting Truth in Temptation
(The temptation story and the devil’s alienation from God)
Testimony-Deb Geelsdottir

March 20 and 23, Lent 2

Wilderness of Doubt: Meeting Light in the Night
(Nicodemus’ questions)
Testimony-Jillian Emery

March 27 and 30, Lent 3

Wilderness of Isolation: Meeting Abundance on the Fringe
(The woman at the well)
Testimony-Sheena Dean

April 3 and 6, Lent 4

Wilderness of Brokenness: Meeting Healing in our Blindness
(Illness and healing)
Testimony-Jan Olson

April 10 and 13, Lent 5

Wilderness of Loss: Meeting Life in Death
(The death and raising of Lazarus)
Testimony-Scott Rusten

First Communion

At Salem, it is not uncommon to see a very small child partaking in Holy Communion along with the rest of the community. Do they value this meal and know that it’s special? Yes, by all means. Do they understand its meaning? In part, but not fully (when we’re honest, most adults can scarcely comprehend these amazing gifts of grace). Our kids take a Communion Class when they are early elementary age and ready to learn more of what this holy meal means. On Sunday, April 10, seven of our kids will gather for a class of bread baking and learning at Antone and Genevieve Melton-Meaux’s home. On Maundy Thursday, April 21, we’ll mark this milestone in their learning and faith at the 7pm service. Please include in your prayers: Ava Melton-Meaux, Jack Haku, Jasper Hanke, Li Livdahl, Isabelle Gerry, Cassie Sievwright, and Nathan Soucy.

Thanks to those helping us focus on Lent this year:

Emily Chesley—creating artistic, multi-sensory altar spaces, focused on the season and text, and evolving as we draw nearer to Holy Week.

Catrina Ciccone—leading our bible studies focused on wilderness.

Kara Wiechmann and Ryan Birkman—leading the Enough for All study.

Kara Wiechmann—retelling the Lenten gospels from the voice and perspective of a character encountering Christ.

Betsy Keno, Tom Pieper, and all our talented musicians—leading Sunday worship, adding voice and instrumentation for Lenten worship.



Global + Local = GLOCAL

God’s work in mission always propels us to encounter the neighbor, particularly in the stranger. Glocal Mission Gatherings equip us for God’s work in today’s global and local realities and their “glocal” intersections. Come, join some the most relevant mission conversations of our time. The ELCA Glocal Mission Gathering (GMG) gathers leaders for a day and a half of worship, workshops, and sharing around global and local mission.

Let’s bring a team from Salem! The dates for this local event are June 10 and 11 at Mount Calvary Lutheran in Excelsior.

- Enhance your connections with local and global Christians. Learn how churches are changing how they proclaim and serve. Lead inviting worship that includes global voices. Serve in a way that is sustainable, respectful, and cross-culturally sensitive.
- A significant part of the Glocal Gatherings will be skill-building workshops so that team members can better understand how to work within a specific area of mission.
- More information at www.elca.org/glocal



More News ...

World of Whittier Family Fair, aka WOW

WOW will take place in May and Salem and Lyndale will again join in the fun with our neighbors. Here are the details. Please plan to participate!

When: Saturday, May 21, noon to 3pm

Where: Whittier Park, ideally outdoors

Who: You and a lot of neighborhood folks. Participate, volunteer to staff our table, help with activities, or donate.

More information and sign ups coming in May.

Lutheran Night at the Twins

Enjoy going to a Twins game? Want to cheer with a group from Salem? Thrivent's Lutheran Night (actually Nights) at the Twins are August 22 and August 23, Twins vs. Orioles, both 7pm games. Talk to Catrina Ciccone (this month) if you'd be interested in attending. 651-442-9763.

Lyn Lake Street Fest and The Rides of Spring

These two spring events will be held on May 15 from noon to 7pm between 28th Street and Lake Street on Lyndale Avenue. Yes, it has moved north and we are in the middle of the action (plan to use the Aldrich Avenue entrance to the parking lot). A Bike Rally begins the day, and live music (including Heiruspecs, Peter Wolf Crier and Haley Bonar), food and drink conclude it. Check it out!

Adopt a Greenway



Did you know that Lyndale and Salem have adopted a stretch of the Midtown Greenway from Garfield to Colfax? Here's the note we received recently. Can you help: "We wanted to get your organization thinking about having a spring cleaning event in the Midtown Greenway. In just a couple of weeks the trail and embankments will be clear and dry enough to see what winter has left behind and the spring temperatures will make it a delight to be outside!" Could you lead up a group to clean up the greenway (garbage bags and gloves can be provided)? Let us know if you'll take the lead and we'll put the word out to gather a crew. Thank you!

A Thank You from Lutheran Campus Ministry

"Dear Salem, Thank you for providing a fantastic meal for our Bread and Belonging on February 20! We appreciate your support of our ministry in this particular way!

--Blessings, Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University

Welcome, Solveig!

Solveig Elizabeth Tollerson was born on February 22. Solveig and her parents Kate Rime and Austin Tollerson are getting acclimated. We hold Solveig and her family in our prayers and celebrate the birth of this precious child of God!



Happy 100th Birthday, Kathryn!

Kathryn Patterson was born April 22, 1911 and this month celebrates 100 years of life! Kathryn and her family invite the Salem community, family and friends to her birthday celebration on Saturday, April 23, 1-4pm in the fellowship room (by the chapel) at Walker Care Center, 3737 Bryant

Ave. S. (where we've held our Celebrating the Generations services). We give thanks for Kathryn's faithfulness and leadership over the years, and still today!

Our Sympathy...

Long time member of Salem Ted Stockey passed away on March 11 after a long struggle for health. Ted was 83 years old and he and Doris have been married for 60 years. We give great thanks for Ted's faithful witness, his care for his family, and the playful glimmer in his eye. Ted loved the church, fishing, and woodworking. He served for many years on the church council and in other leadership, including crafting items for the congregation's use and caring for the building and property. We celebrate Ted's life and include in our prayers all who mourn, most particularly his wife Doris, and children Allan and Karen. A memorial service was held for Ted on Saturday, March 26 and interment is planned for this summer at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.





Reaching Out *Service, Justice, and Outreach Opportunities*



Simpson Shelter Meal on April 7

Our next opportunity to serve at Simpson Shelter will be Thursday, April 7. The team will gather at 5:30pm (enter ringing the door bell at the parking lot or 1st Ave. door) to make the meal, serve, eat, and clean up. If you are able to help,

sign up at church or e-mail Robert Frame at fram0004@umn.edu. May 4 is our next time to serve.



**Thank you, John Rader.
Pictured here with Alicia.**

Food Shelves

Please bring non perishable food items to donate to our local food shelf (we typically give to Simpson Food Shelf, and occasionally to Community Emergency Services and Joyce Food Shelf) or give money so our dollars can be multiplied as shelves buy through special bulk programs like Second Harvest Heartland.

Bread for the World

Global Poverty Summit

On Saturday, April 2, Bread for the World will host the Global Poverty Summit at Christ Church International on the corner of Lake St & 13th Avenue in south Minneapolis. This event will feature worshipful reflections, thought-provoking speakers, hands-on educational activities and meaningful ways for participants to take steps to end hunger. The keynote speaker will be Rev. David Beckmann, current World Food Prize winner and author of Exodus from Hunger. The summit will help participants build skills to become effective advocates for policies that reduce hunger and poverty. Initiatives such as the 1000 Days Campaign (which focuses on improving child and maternal health), the Millennium Development Goals (a comprehensive set of development objectives), and Bread for the World's current campaign to reform US foreign aid to make it more effective in poverty reduction will be featured throughout the event.



breadfortheworld
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

The summit will run from 9 am to 3 pm, and is open to anyone interested in overcoming the scourge of global hunger, poverty and disease. The event is free, with a freewill offering taken and lunch available for purchase for \$5. For more information or to RSVP call 1-800-363-7239 or email twalhof@bread.org.

Minneapolis Area Interfaith Initiative (MAII)

At the February Council meeting, Salem became a core sponsoring faith community of MAII (Minneapolis Area Interfaith Initiative). MAII is a group of lay and clergy volunteers from the greater Minneapolis area who are committed to increasing interfaith understanding, organizing interfaith programming and encouraging personal relationships across faiths. Religious demographer John Mayer estimates that 10% of the Twin Cities population is Muslim, Buddhist, Jewish or Hindu. The world has come to Minneapolis.

MAII Objectives:

1. Increase interfaith understanding and personal relationships across faiths in order to build a stronger, more peaceful and more respectful community.
2. Educate the public about the major world religions. Emphasize common values as a way to unite to solve problems locally and throughout the world.
3. Strive to understand and respect religious differences, without needing to come to agreement or seeking to convert.

MAII offers informational presentations/small group discussions about the major world religions. Other activities will be added in the future. Contact Convener Sue Kennedy at maiimpls@gmail.com or (763) 639-5298 if you want to learn more.



Reaching Out *Continued...*



ZOOM House Update—33rd and Blaisdell

"The ZOOM House mission is to serve families in transition by providing safe, affordable housing in a community that offers services that promote and support family and economic self-sufficiency and offers opportunities for educational advancement, job training, spiritual growth and neighborhood involvement."

Thanks to all from Salem who attended the ZOOM House Fundraiser on March 26!

REHAB Update: ZOOM chose Frerichs to be our general contractor and we "closed" on the funding for the rehab project on Monday, February 28th! The work begins now. This is a very exciting time for ZOOM House; this rehab will bring many needed updates to the building and will help us create a more welcoming and hospitable environment for our families!

Furniture: Thank you for those furniture donations that always seem to come at the right time! We have recently had a number of families complete the ZOOM program and we are in need of some new furnishings for our new families. Specifically, we could use a twin bed and frame, a queen bed frame and a twin bed frame, a microwave, and a dining set. To arrange a donation, please call Sara at 612-825-2825, info@thezoomhouse.org

Area Rugs: We are in need of some area rugs of various sizes to provide to our families after the rehab project as we will be removing the carpeting and installing flooring.

Sunday School News

Sunday School Updates

Kathy Hayden, Sunday School/Christian Education Committee Co-Chair

April 3 and 10 the children will read and study the Bible story of **the Prodigal Son** from Luke 15:11-32. The workshop focus will be on celebrating and welcoming, being loving and forgiving, belonging and inclusion, and God's amazing and surprising love for us all. Like the Prodigal Son's father, God welcomes us all home. The Ministry Center will soon be complete. We will be able to rejoice and claim our new faith home and faith community/family.

April 17, and May 1, 8 and 15, the children will study the Bible story of **the Good Samaritan** from Luke 10:25-37. Our lessons will be about loving our neighbor.

We have **no Sunday School** on Easter Sunday, **April 24**.

Given Holy Week and Easter, we have no additional special Sunday School activities during April.

On **May 15**, we will go Easter Caroling to our homebound members, and on **May 22** we'll celebrate the end of the Sunday School year.

In June, we have **Day Camp June 20-24** and in July we'll have our annual camping weekend (dates to be announced soon).

A committee of leaders from Salem, Lyndale, and First Christian is working together to create a policy and structure for "Safeguarding God's Children and Vulnerable Adults."

Youth and Young Adult Ministry

A note from Youth and Young Adult Minister, Jillian Emery:



**Youth & Young Adult
Coffee Time....
April 10 at 9:15am**

Theology Uncorked—Young Adult Gathering

The young adults are gathering on Tuesday, April 5th at 7pm. Location TBA. Feel free to bring a friend. Want to be included on e-mails to stay in the loop? Have questions? Contact Salem and Lyndale Youth and Young Adult Minister Jillian Emery at jemery001@luthersem.edu, 612-723-3356.



CALENDAR

Week of March 27

Wed. 3/30 7:00 pm Lenten Service
 3/30 7:45 pm Lenten Study
 Saturday 4/2 9:00 am Global Poverty Summit

Week of April 3

Sunday 4/3 8:30 am Traditional Service
 4/3 9:15 am Sunday School & Youth
 4/3 9:30 am Fellowship
 4/3 9:40 am Adult Ed—Bible Study
 4/3 10:30 am Jazz Service
 4/3 11:30 am Fellowship
 Tuesday 4/5 7:00 pm Theology Uncorked
 Wed. 4/6 7:00 pm Lenten Service
 4/6 7:45 pm Lenten Study
 Thursday 4/7 5:30 pm Simpson Shelter Meal

Week of April 10

Sunday 4/10 8:30 am Traditional Service
 4/10 9:15 am Sunday School
 4/10 9:15 am Youth & Young Adult Coffee
 4/10 9:30 am Fellowship
 4/10 9:40 am Adult Ed—Bible Study
 4/10 10:30 am Jazz Service
 4/10 11:30 am Fellowship
 4/10 12:15 pm Communion Class
 Wed. 4/13 7:00 pm Lenten Service
 4/13 7:45 pm Lenten Study
 Saturday 4/16 1-5pm Chuck Sasse's 90th B-day Party
 at Ballantine VFW

May 22

Mark your calendars. May 22 will be the final day of Sunday School this year. We'll celebrate the learning season with worship and food! Watch for details.

Week of April 17—Palm Sunday

Sunday 4/17 8:30 am Traditional Service
 4/17 9:15 am Sunday School & Youth
 4/17 9:30 am Fellowship
 4/17 9:40 am ReDevelopment Forum
 4/17 10:30 am Jazz Service
 4/17 11:30 am Fellowship
 4/17 12:00 pm Christian Ed.
 Monday 4/18 ~Scene Editions Due~
 Thursday 4/21 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service
 Friday 4/22 7:00 pm Good Friday Service
 Saturday 4/23 1-4 am Kathryn Patterson's 100th B-day
 at Walker

Week of April 24—Easter Sunday

Sunday 4/24 8:30 am Traditional Easter Service
 4/24 No Sunday School
 4/24 9:30 am Easter Breakfast
 4/24 10:30 am Jazz Easter Festival Service
 4/24 11:30 am Fellowship
 Monday 4/25 6:00 pm Executive Meeting
 4/25 6:30 pm General Council Meeting
 Thursday 4/28 7:00 pm Ministry Center Board

Adult Education

Sundays, 9:40-10:15 am

April 3—Wilderness Bible Study

Ezekiel 37:1-14, The Valley of Dry Bones

April 10—Wilderness Bible Study

Luke 10:25-37, Parable of the Good Samaritan

April 17—ReDevelopment Forum

April 24—Easter Fellowship

Creation Care Day Camp

For the eighth year in a row, Salem joins with other congregations to sponsor a day camp for the kids of our congregations and the neighborhood. This year's day camp is themed Creation Care and will be led jointly by Jillian Emery and leaders from other congregations. Different than past years, we will not have a camp staff involved, but instead we'll add our own volunteers and structure our days with camp activities (worship, bible study, crafts, activities, lunch) in the morning, and offsite activities in the afternoon (quilting, bread baking, YMCA, nature center, music and more). Here's the plan:

When: June 20-24, 9am-4pm

Who: Kids ages 4 years to 6th grade, with the support of youth and adult volunteers

Where: At Zion Lutheran, 33rd and Pillsbury (Zion provides easy access to the Blaisdell YMCA)

How: Soon grab a brochure at church, watch for registration sheets, sign up to volunteer, invite friends

Who: Sponsored by Salem, Lyndale UCC, First Christian, Our Saviour's Lutheran, Calvary Lutheran, Little Flock Independent Baptist, Zion Lutheran, and possibly others.