



SALEM CHURCH

God is still speaking

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March 2023



Rev. Matthew Hunt

With Ash Wednesday come and gone, the church season of Lent is upon us as we journey towards Easter and the resurrection celebration. I hope the information below will help you understand Lent better.

WHAT IS LENT?

Lent, is a period of forty-six days (forty when Sundays are excluded) that commemorates the time Jesus spent in the desert prior to beginning his public ministry as Messiah. As described in the gospel readings according to Matthew, Mark and Luke, following his baptism by John the Baptist in the Jordan River, Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert, where he fasted for forty days and was subject to temptation by Satan.

To honor this sacrifice and conquest over the devil, many Christians elect to set aside the season of Lent to refocus on Jesus as we look ahead to his death on the Cross and rejoice over his miraculous return.

What Do We Do during Lent?

Lent is a time when participants can carry out a three-fold mission, with the key pillars being fasting, almsgiving, and prayer. Certainly, these components are not new within our Christian teachings nor are they reserved only for Lent, as we are encouraged to practice them regularly throughout the year. However, a special and renewed focus on each of them during Lent can foster growth and appreciation within our collective faith and respective spiritual journeys.

Blessings,

Rev. Matthew Hunt



Easter Lilies and Memorials

Order forms can be found on the ledge by the Church Office. Lilies are \$10. Orders are due by March 24. Return by mail or email.

Pet Trivia Night

Saturday, March 25

6:00—9:00 pm (doors open at 5:00)

\$100 per table (up to 8 people)

Silent Auction

Cutest Pet Contest — *bring a picture of your pet to enter*

Send money, Team name, and contact name & phone # to Salem

Proceeds to benefit
**Salem's Paws & Prayers
Outreach Ministry**



Why do you attend Salem Church?

I finally found a church accepting of the LGBTQ community.
— Julia





This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to God's will, God hears us. 1 JOHN 5:14

Janet Adair	Jenni Moran
Ralph Baxter	Emmett - Connie
Sylvia Baxter	Sue Novotny
Ken Bricker	relation
Pam Cane	Jillian - Connie Sue
Carolyn Carper	Novotny relation
Laurie Charity	Connie Sue
Gary Daggett	Novotny
Tim Daggett	Valerie Ortbal
Cindy Davis &	Geri Riney
Family	Ray Salgado
Victoria Dry	John Sallstrom
Denise Eastman	Wanda Hamann-
Wes Hunt	Salsman
Dave Lockhart	Robert Scronce
Sandy Lummer	Joyce Winn
Marilyn Maiers	



Spring Congregational Meeting

Sunday, March 12

Fellowship Hall following worship

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, March 1

6:30 pm: Salem Choristers
Rehearsal

Saturday, March 4

9:00 am: Breakfast Bunch
11:30 am: BJ's Café—Saturday
Meals
7:30 pm: Quincy Symphony
Chorus

Sunday, March 5

9:00 am: Worship with
Communion
9:45 am: Coffee & Fellowship
10 am: Youth and Adult
Re:Charge

Tuesday, March 7

4:30 pm: Property Task Force
6:30 pm: Salem Bell Choir
Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 8

6:30 pm: Ministries

Thursday, March 9

4:00 pm: Loads of Love

Saturday, March 10

10:30 am: Paws & Prayers
Ministry Pet Food
Distribution
11:30 am: BJ's Café—Saturday
Meals

Sunday, March 12

8:00 am: Salem Choristers
Rehearsal
9:00 am: Worship
10:00 am: Spring Congregational
Meeting

Tuesday, March 14

6:30 pm: Salem Bell Choir
Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 15

6:00 pm: VMST

Saturday, March 18

11:30 am: BJ's Café—Saturday
Meals
11:30 am: Salem Health Fair

Sunday, March 19

8:00 am: Salem Choristers
Rehearsal
9:00 am: Salem Worship
10:00 am: Youth and Adult
Re:Charge

Monday, March 20

Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, March 21

6:30 pm: Salem Bell Choir
Rehearsal

Thursday, March 23

4:00 pm: Loads of Love

Saturday, March 25

11:30 am: BJ's Café—Saturday
Meals
6:00 pm: Pet Trivia Night

Sunday, March 26

8:00 am: Salem Choristers
Rehearsal
9:00 am: Salem Worship
10:00 am: Youth and Adult
Re:Charge

Tuesday, March 28

6:30 pm: Salem Bell Choir
Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 29

6:30 pm: Salem Choristers
Rehearsal

**Church Office open on Tuesday
and Thursday, 9:00 to noon**

The Breakfast Bunch



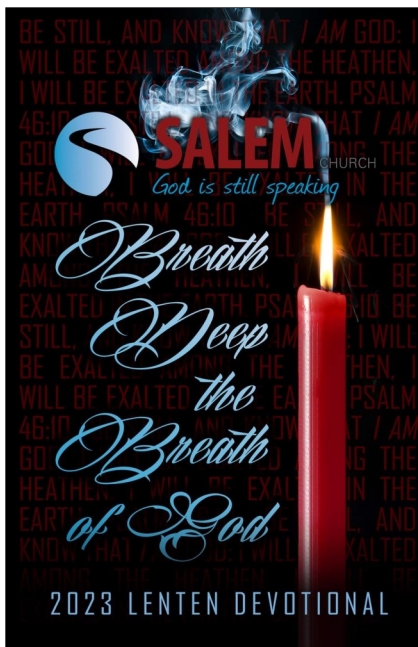
9:00 am Saturday, March 4

Salem Church Lounge

Coffecake provided - bring your own beverage

Fellowship and Bible Study

All are invited - come join us!



**Copies of the 2023
Lenten Devotional are
available at Sunday
Worship Services or at
the Church Office on
Tuesday and Thursday
mornings from 9:00
am to noon.**



**Join Us for an Easter
Brunch.** Well, technically
it's Palm Sunday Brunch
since it will take place on
April 2. The Connections
Ministry is hosting this
special meal and will
provide food — including

sugar cookies and frosting for kids to decorate. There
will also be an Egg Hunt for the little ones' enjoyment.

For the sake of food preparation (and hiding enough
eggs), an RSVP is requested. Please call (217-779-
7975) or email (kochca@qps.org) Cassie Koch or other
Connections Ministry members—*Debbie Husar, Adam
Spory, Linsey Laughlin, Barb Edwards*—with the
number of your family members attending. RSVPs are
needed by Sunday, March 26.

Join us

**Sunday Morning
Worship
9:00 am**



Or, if you can't leave home, the service streams on
YouTube Sunday at 9:00 am. (*Search: Salem Evangeli-
cal UCC Quincy IL*). Recordings of Sunday worship
are also posted on the Salem Facebook page.



**March 2023
Birthdays**

3/3 Felicity Koch
3/8 Marilyn Abbath
3/9 Heather Spory
3/13 Eileen Boden
3/14 Carol Hillebrenner
3/18 Kerstin Stitt
3/19 Katie Husar
3/20 Donetta Schuette
3/21 Norma Reid
3/22 Marsha Akers
3/23 Maizee Gower
3/23 Bobby Riney
3/24 Alex Spory
3/26 Adam Spory
3/28 Earl Bricker
3/29 Karen Cookson
3/30 Hilda West

Anniversaries

3/4 Carla & Gary Daggett
3/22 Debra & Duane Phillips
3/31 Sylvia & Ralph Baxter



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