



SALEM CHURCH

God is still speaking

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February 2024

Mission Statement: We are followers of Jesus, in the process of discerning what we need to let go of and what we need to embrace so we can be a light of Christ in the world.



Rev. Matthew Hunt

Ash Wednesday Worship

Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day, February 14th this year. At Salem, we are having a small, intimate service in the Lounge (around the corner from church office and across from the fellowship hall) that includes a meal of soup and sandwiches followed by

Ash Wednesday worship at 7pm.

What is Ash Wednesday?

Good question. Ash Wednesday is the first day of the Christian season of Lent, which is a period of 40 days (not counting Sundays) leading up to Easter Sunday. A Lenten Ash Wednesday worship service marks the beginning of a season of introspection, repentance, and preparation for Easter. It reminds Christians of our mortality and our need for God's grace and forgiveness, encouraging a deeper spiritual journey during the Lenten season.

What to Expect in Ash Wednesday Worship

Worship will include prayers of confession/repentance, acknowledging our human sinfulness and our need for God's forgiveness and help. Each worshiper will have the chance to leave with ashes on your hand or forehead, or a blessing. Ashes represent our mortality, sinfulness, and God's grace. This sets the tone for the season of Lent, which is a time of reflection, self-examination, and spiritual renewal.

I find Ash Wednesday services to be some of the most meaningful worship I have ever experienced. I encourage everyone to plan to attend and find out what God has in store for us.

Blessings,

Pastor Matt



2024 Lenten and Easter Schedules

February 11, 18, & 25

Connect Groups Sign Up Sunday

February 11

Ash Wednesday Sign Up Sunday

Distribute Lenten Calendars

February 11

Dedication and Thanksgiving for our ministry group / church leaders in Worship

February 14

Soup & Sandwiches, 6:00pm

Ash Wednesday Worship, 7:00pm

March 3, 10, 17, & 24

Connect Groups, 4:30-6:30pm

March 3 & 10

One Great Hour of Sharing Video in worship

March 10

One Great Hour of Sharing special offering

March 24

Palm Sunday

Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch after worship

March 29

Good Friday Tenebrae Worship, 7:00pm

(scriptures, prayers, the extinguishing of candles)

March 31

Easter Worship, 9:00am

April 28

Seder Meal at Salem, 4:30-7:00pm

Breathe Deep

Sunday, February 4 — 10:30 am

Birthdays & Anniversaries

February 2024

Birthdays

2/1 Keith Deege
 2/2 Ann Alter
 2/7 Jerry Smith
 2/10 Carla Daggett
 2/12 Marilyn Maiers
 2/13 Sylvia Baxter
 Ezra Elder
 Arleta Hollyman
 2/14 Carol Hochgraber
 Grace Spory
 2/18 Phyllis Robertson
 2/20 Leah Brice
 Patti Hibbard
 2/24 Kathy Willing
 2/25 Sue Stewart
 2/28 Nora Fuller

No Anniversaries in February



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

Leah Brice	Paula Jones
Shirley Bricker	Carolyn Kaiser
Carolyn Carper	Chuck McMullen
Laurie Charity	Jenni Moran
Sandy Constable	Dennis Novatny
Gary Daggett	Bobby Riney
Cindy Davis & Family	John Sallstrom
Victoria Dry	Wanda Hamann-Salsman
Denise Eastman	Robert Sronce
Madeline Hendricks	Andy Tappe
Sally Hibbard	Kathy Willing
Cindy Hillebrenner	Joyce Winn
Ella Imlah	Merle Woods

Dates to Remember

Saturday, February 3

9:00 am: Breakfast Bunch,
 Krazy Cakes Café
 11:30 am: BJ's Café—Saturday
 Meals

Sunday, February 4

9:30 am: Youth and Adult
 Re:Charge
 10:30 am: Breathe Deep
 Worship with Communion

Tuesday, February 6

4:30 pm: Property Task Force
 5:30 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal
 6:45 pm: Choristers Rehearsal

Thursday, February 8

4:00 pm: Loads of Love

Saturday, February 10

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

Sunday, February 11

8:15 am: Choristers Rehearsal
 9:00 am: Salem Worship
 10:00 am: Connect Groups
 Signup
 10:00 am: Youth and Adult
 Re:Charge

Tuesday, February 13

5:30 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal
 6:45 pm: Choristers Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 14

6:00 pm: Soup & Sandwiches
 7:00 pm: Ash Wednesday
 Worship Service

Saturday, February 17

11:30 am: Household/Toiletries
 Distribution
 11:30 am: BJ's Café—Saturday
 Meals
 2:00 pm: Games Afternoon

Sunday, February 18

9:00 am: Worship
 10:00 am: Youth and Adult
 Re:Charge

Tuesday, February 20

5:30 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal
Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, February 21

6:00 pm: VMST

Thursday, February 22

4:00 pm: Loads of Love

Saturday, February 24

11:30 am: BJ's Café—Saturday
 Meals

Sunday, February 25

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

Tuesday, February 27

5:30 am: Bell Choir Rehearsal

Church Office open

Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00 to noon



Games Afternoon

Saturday, February 17 – 2:00 pm

Bring your favorite game – age appropriate – for adults or children ☆ Bring an appetizer to share ☆ Drinks will be supplied ☆ Have lots of fun!



In 2023, Salem's Outreach Ministries...

Served 4,067 meals at BJ's Café*;



Distributed household and toiletry products to more than 1,100 people at the monthly Health Fair*;

Assisted people with 5,353 loads of laundry through Loads of Love*;



Distributed 1,740 bags and 215 cans of dog food, 1,249 bags and 386 cans of cat food, 259 bags of dog/cat treats, and 421 misc. pet items (leashes, blankets, beds, bowls, toys, etc.) through Paws & Prayers*;



Contributed 50 backpacks containing all requested school supplies to the annual Back to School Fair;



Donated \$1,700 to PHAST Tracks, an indoor mountain bike park;

Collected personal hygiene products for QHS students in need.



God's Garden donated 125 pounds of veggies to Quanada, Horizons or guests at BJ's Café.



Congratulations, Salem Church Members, for all you contribute — directly as volunteers or indirectly through your financial support!

****These numbers represent repeat customers, but that emphasizes the need in the community that Salem is helping to meet.***



**March 3
After
Breathe
Deep
Service**

Breakfast Bunch

Fellowship & Bible Study

All are welcome!

Saturday, February 3, 9:00am

Krazy Cakes, 512 Hampshire, Quincy

Please RSVP to Cindy at 217-257-6970

