



# SALEM CHURCH

*God is still speaking*

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**April 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

## Mark Your Calendars Priority Progress Gathering—April 21 (fellowship hall, after worship)

Fall of 2022 the VMST and our Mission Statement Team called the congregation together in October for four consecutive Sundays of conversation in an attempt to find out where this group of believers was being called to focus our attention. How could we revise our mission statement if we weren't clear on what we were being called to do and be? You responded to the leadership's invitation. Together, we chose four areas of congregational focus:

- Later worship
- Emphasis on children's ministries
- Emphasis on small groups
- More community use of the building

The Mission Statement Team has recently reconvened to evaluate where we are and how we might proceed in the days ahead. We once again need your assistance in discerning who God is calling us to be and what that might look like.


We are asking as many people as possible to join us on Sunday, April 21, for a meal and small group gatherings where we can get input on where we are in the process and how we might proceed going forward.

Your voice matters. This is a group effort. Honesty is important. Please plan to be there. We will have childcare available. I look forward to seeing you!

Blessings,  
*Pastor Matt*



You're invited to a traditional Passover dinner  
Sunday, April 28, 5pm  
Salem Fellowship Hall, \$10 per person  
Come and enjoy good food and  
the traditions of Passover!



## Pie Baking Contest

Sunday, April 7  
after Breathe Deep  
Three Categories:

- 2 crust,
- 1 crust
- No bake

Prizes in each category—  
sign up today!



## Nachos Bar

Sunday, May 5  
After Breathe Deep Service  
All the fixings will be  
provided;  
you bring side dishes—rice;  
Mexican corn; vinegar slaw;  
desserts; etc.

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## April 2024

### Birthdays

4/3 Heather Keller-Giltner  
Audrey Hoffman  
4/4 Mike Edwards  
Allison Welch  
Darlene Gieselmann  
4/7 Rod Cookson  
4/10 Lora Vail  
4/12 Jan Pollock  
4/17 Linsey Laughlin  
Brian Stitt  
4/17 Oliver Koch  
4/18 Larry Clark  
4/19 Steve Ippensen  
4/28 Dr. John Sallstrom  
4/30 Annette Newquist

### Anniversaries

4/4 Heather & Adam Spory  
Patti & David Tipton  
4/9 Sue & Dave Lockhart  
4/10 Cindy & Richard Lohmeyer  
4/12 Lonita & Bob Fox  
4/25 Debbie & Ed Husar



*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*

Jerry Amend	Julia Liesen
Carolyn Carper	Curt Moore
Laurie Charity	Jenni Moran
Sandy Constable	Julie Myers
Gary Daggett	Dennis Novatny
Cindy Davis & Family	Bobby Riney
Victoria Dry	Wanda Hamann-Salsman
Denise Eastman	Joanne Shaw
Bob Fox	Robert Sronce
Madeline Hendricks	Andy Tappe
Ella Imlah	Kathy Willing
Paula Jones	Joyce Winn
Carolyn Kaiser	Merle Woods

## Dates to Remember

### Tuesday, April 2

5:30pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal

### Saturday, April 6

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

### Sunday, April 7

9:30 am: Youth and Adult  
Re:Charge  
10:30 am: Breathe Deep  
Worship with Communion  
11:30 am: Pie in the Sky Contest

### Tuesday, April 9

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

### Wednesday, April 10

6:00 pm: Ministries

### Thursday, April 11

4:00 pm: Loads of Love

### Saturday, April 13

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

### Sunday, April 14

8:15 am: Bell Choir Rehearsal  
9:00 am: Salem Worship  
10:00 am: Youth and Adult  
Re:Charge

### Wednesday, April 17

5:30 pm: Evening Guild  
6:00 pm: VMST

### Saturday, April 20

#### Newsletter Deadline

11:30 am: Household/Toiletries  
Distribution  
11:30 am: BJ's Café—Saturday  
Meals

### Sunday, April 21

9:00 am: Worship  
9:45 am: Conversation about  
Salem Mission / Brunch  
10:00 am: Youth and Adult  
Re:Charge  
11:30 am: Set-up Spring  
Rummage Sale

### Monday, April 22

8:00 am: Set-up Spring  
Rummage Sale

### Tuesday, April 23

8:00 am: Set-up Spring  
Rummage Sale  
5:30pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal

### Wednesday, April 24

8:00 am: Set-up Spring  
Rummage Sale

### Thursday, April 25

8:00 am: Set-up Spring  
Rummage Sale  
4:00 pm: Loads of Love

### Friday, April 26

8:30 am: Spring Rummage Sale

### Saturday, April 27

8:00 am: Spring Rummage Sale  
11:30 am: BJ's Café—Saturday  
Meals (to go Only)

### Sunday, April 28

8:15 am: Bell Choir Rehearsal  
9:00 am: Salem Worship  
10:00 am: Youth and Adult  
Re:Charge

5:00 pm: Passover Dinner

### Tuesday, April 30

5:30 am: Bell Choir Rehearsal

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

## Breakfast Bunch

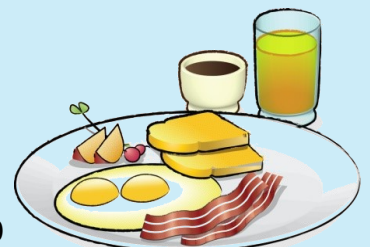
### Fellowship & Bible Study

All are welcome!

Saturday, April 6, 9:00am

Down Home, 509 S. 9th Street, Quincy

Please RSVP to Cindy at 217-257-6970





Property Task Force meets the first Tuesday of every month at 4:30pm in the church conference room. Members of the team include: Carol Hochgraber, Resource Representative; Paul Goehl; Ric Hillebrenner; Jacob Zimmerman; Sharon Higgins, Resource Ministry Chairperson.

The task force oversees the maintenance and use of all church property (building, land and equipment, etc.). Property maintenance may be paid from funds available through endowment restricted investments or unrestricted memorials. The Property Task Force is accountable to the Resource Ministry. Here are some of the many items that they have accomplished:

- Cleaned out the youth and bridal rooms in the sanctuary basement so the space could be rented to the Montessori School.
- Help with the upkeep of the 3 garages and the space behind the curtain in fellowship hall.
- Oversee the work of outside company providing lawncare and the snow removal.
- Maintain the custodial closets, ensuring needed supplies are stocked.
- Upkeep of the grounds and the playground area on State Street.
- Installed the new fence in the courtyard area for the safety of the Montessori School students and the church's young people; this was done by Paul G. & Ric H.
- Replace lights in the building and the surrounding areas of the church property.
- Minor repairs in and around the building and the sanctuary as needed.
- Maintain the wooden fence on the playground and the material on the area under the playground equipment.
- Work with Ken Abbath as needed on some of the maintenance items around the building.
- Operate the floor scrubber and the buffer.
- Obtain and review quotes for new equipment, larger repairs, or extra cleaning jobs we have around the church.
- Help with setups for events going on in the church such as those organized by the Evening Guild.
- Supervise and recruit extra help with Sunday morning snow removal as needed; the outside contractor will do the initial cleaning.
- Ric Hillebrenner remodeled the old restroom in the basement for the Montessori School students last summer after they took over the remaining rooms in the basement. This project saved the church and school a lot of money by using our people to complete.

The Property Task Force does more than just oversee projects—we all work together to make them happen and get completed trying to save the church money. This group works very well together to help Salem and her people.

### Salem Evening Guild

The first meeting of the year will be on Wed, April 17, 5:30 pm in the Lounge. The agenda will focus on happenings since the last meeting and preparation for the Rummage Sale scheduled for April 22-27.

All help is appreciated to set up tables after the Mission Statement discussion and brunch on Sunday, April 21. Donations of items to be sold and able bodies to place items on tables are also appreciated.

Call Wanda Hamann-Salsman with questions: 217-222-3286.



**Friday, April 26**

**9:00am to 4:00pm**

**Saturday, April 27**

**8:00 am to 1:00 pm**

**\$1 Bag Sale  
Saturday**

**Clean items can be brought  
Monday, April 22 through Thursday, April 25.**