



SALEM CHURCH

God is still speaking

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**April
2026**

Mission Statement: Building a community around the love of Jesus, where all are welcome.



Rev. Matthew Hunt

Walking with Jesus into the Darkness: A Tenebrae Invitation

As we move deeper into Holy Week, we come to one of the most meaningful and powerful services of the year—our **Good Friday Tenebrae Worship on April 3 at 6:30pm** in the **main worship sanctuary**.

The word *Tenebrae* comes from the Latin word for “shadows” or “darkness.” And that’s exactly what this service invites us into—not as something to fear, but as something to experience honestly and faithfully.

During a Tenebrae service, we journey through the final moments of Jesus’ life. We hear scripture readings, offer prayers, and reflect on the **last words of Jesus from the cross**. As the story unfolds, candles are gradually extinguished, one by one, until the sanctuary grows quiet and dim.

It’s a powerful, visual reminder of what that day felt like for those who loved Jesus—the confusion, the grief, the sense that hope itself was slipping away.

And yet... this is not the end of the story.

Tenebrae helps us do something we don’t often make space for—we sit with the weight of Good Friday so that the joy of Easter can be experienced more fully and more deeply. We don’t rush past the cross. We pause. We listen. We feel.

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This is a service for everyone.

If you've never experienced Tenebrae before, I especially encourage you to come. It is simple, reflective, and deeply meaningful.

To make the evening accessible for all:

- **Childcare will be available** during the service
- Before worship, we'll gather for a **meal in the Fellowship Hall from 5:30–6:15pm**, featuring a relaxed and welcoming **potato bar, salad, and more**


Whether you come for the meal, the service, or both—you are invited.

Holy Week is not just something we remember—it's something we walk through together. And Tenebrae is one of the ways we do that, side by side, as a community of faith.

I hope you'll join us.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Matt

Salem United Church of Christ				
Operating Account - 2026				
Month	Income	Expense	Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	YTD Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets
Jan	\$ 14,433.71	\$ 25,038.23	(\$10,604.52)	(\$10,604.52)
Feb	\$ 8,880.86	\$ 26,096.42	(\$17,215.56)	(\$27,820.08)
Total	\$ 23,314.57	\$ 51,134.65	(\$27,820.08)	(\$27,820.08)
Amount Used from Endowments to Cover Deficit				



CONNECTIONS
MINISTRY FLOWER
FLOWERS EVENT

Make a custom bouquet of wooden flowers. They are beautiful, and do not need watering!

Key Details

- Thursday, May 7th @ 6:00
- Snacks and drinks encouraged
- Cost \$30
- Reservation cut off is 4/28

Salem's Evening Guild Meets April 15th

- Time 5:30 in the Lounge
- Discussion around 2026 Rummage Sale
 - Chairs and tables will be set up the week of 4/19
 - The sale runs on Friday 4/24 and Saturday 4/25

Coffee Hour Schedule

Where Beans and Blessings Meet

April

4/5 Catherine V, Linsey L, Victoria D

4/12 The Simmons FT. Charlie H

4/19 Imlah Emerson Family

4/26 Hillebrenner Family FT. Judy B

May

5/3 Deege's and Goehl's

5/10 Debbie H and Cindy D

5/17 The Moran and Hellige Family

5/24 The Spory Family

5/31 The Edwards Family

Pop-Up Choir NEXT practice April 12th @10:10am

Performance April 19th during service

**Our One Great Hour of
Sharing Offering totaled
\$1,064!**

Dates To Remember

Saturday, April 4th

11:30am BJ's Café– Saturday Meals

Sunday, April 5th

9:00am Salem Worship

Tuesday, April 7th

5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 8th

5:15pm Connections Ministry Meeting

6:00pm Caring Ministry Meeting

6:00pm Property Task Force and Resource Ministry

Thursday, April 9th

4:00pm Loads of Love

Saturday, April 11th

10:30am Paws & Prayers Pet Food Distribution

11:30am BJ's Café– Saturday Meals

Sunday, April 12th

9:00am Salem Worship

10:10am Pop-Up Choir Rehearsal

10:15am Youth and Adult Re:Charge

Tuesday, April 14th

5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 15th

5:30 Evening Guild Meeting

Saturday, April 18th

11:30am Health Fair/ Toiletry Distribution

11:30am BJ's Café– Saturday Meals

Sunday, April 19th

9:00am Salem Worship

10:15am Youth and Adult Re:Charge

Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, April 21st

5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 23rd

4:00pm Loads of Love

Friday, April 24th

8:00am– 4:00pm Rummage Sale

Saturday, April 25th

8:00am– 1:00pm Rummage Sale

11:30am BJ's Café– Saturday Meals

Sunday, April 26th

Reservations due for Spring Flowers Event

9:00am Salem Worship

10:15am Youth and Adult Re:Charge

Tuesday, April 28th

5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 29th

6:00pm VMST

Our Good Sam residents received cards from our Children's Re:Charge Class!

Mary Witte, Sylvia Holzgrafe, Joyce Winn, Norma Reed, Sylvia Baxter, Wanda Hamann-Salsmann, Marilyn Wesisenborn, Steve & Patti Hubbard, Melba Loos, Lee & Laurie Charity, Donna Tappe & Rosie Foster



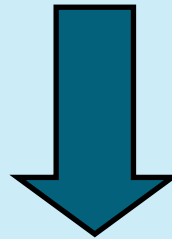
Birthdays & Anniversaries

April 2026 Birthdays

4/1 Debbie Olson
4/3 Audrey Hoffman
4/4 Mike Edwards
4/4 AJ Simmons
4/4 Allison Welch
4/6 Cleo Zimmerman
4/7 Rod Cookson
4/10 Lora Vail
4/12 Jan Pollock
4/17 Oliver Koch
4/17 Linsey Laughlin
4/17 Brian Stitt
4/18 Larry Clark
4/19 Steve Ippensen
4/24 Laura Kammerer
4/28 Dr. John Sallstrom
4/30 Annette Newquist

April 2026 Anniversaries

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



Do you have any ice cream buckets?
Please consider giving them to Victoria Dry!

