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COMING UP AT SALEM

SUNDAY, February 22 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Fellowship 10:15 AM Sunday School	THURSDAY, February 26 5:45 PM Green Thumb Garden Club
MONDAY, February 23	FRIDAY, February 27 *Pastor's Day Off*
TUESDAY, February 24 9:30 AM Lent Bible Study	SATURDAY, February 28
WEDNESDAY, February 25 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	SUNDAY, March 1 ***Scrip Due*** 9:00 AM Worship Service followed by Financial Review 10:00 AM Fellowship 10:15 AM Sunday School 5:00 PM Confirmation Class

Living a Life of Gratitude

February 15, 2025
ATTENDANCE: 53 (plus viewing on-line)
GENERAL FUND: \$6,073.00
THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL GENEROSITY!



SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

REV. ELIUD MARTINEZ

120 Sheboygan Street
 Fond du Lac, WI 54935

February 22, 2026
 9:00 AM

1st Sunday in Lent

Worship Starts Soon: Prepare Your Hearts With Prayer

PRELUDE

(Please sit quietly and take the time to reflect as you prepare for worship).

GREETING AND WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice.

People: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord.

Leader: When we confess our transgressions, Christ's grace and forgiveness encompass us.

People: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord.

Leader: Open yourselves to the teachings and wisdom of the Spirit.

People: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord.

*OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Gracious and Loving God, we seek the freedom found in the grace we receive through Christ Jesus. We seek to know more fully your great love. Turn us from our temptations. Inspire us to open ourselves to the way of Christ, that as we examine our lives and live out these days, we may become examples of your abundant love for all people. May your Divine Spirit tend us as angels attended Jesus in the wilderness, and may we feel revived and sustained to follow Jesus. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN "O Worship the King, All-Glorious Above" #73 UMH (vs 1, 2 & 5)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Just as Jesus faced temptations in the wilderness, we too struggle with desires for power, glory, or riches. Teach us to turn from these temptations and to turn toward the power of scripture and prayer. Center us in our faith. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

CHILDREN'S TIME

*PASSING THE PEACE

May the grace, the steadfast love, and the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Please offer one another a sign of Christ's love and peace.

*HYMN "Faith of Our Fathers" #710 UMH (vs 1, 2 & 3)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON): #895 UMH

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY #95 UMH

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)

We offer ourselves to you, Lord Jesus, emptying ourselves to become your vessels of love and grace and hope to all we encounter. May the gift of our lives and the gifts of our service create God's kingdom on earth, as it is in heaven. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Old Testament Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 (Liturgist)
New Testament Romans 5:12-19 (Liturgist)

*HYMN "Be Still, My Soul" #534 UMH (vs 1, 2 & 3)

SCRIPTURE READING New Testament Matthew 4:1-11 (Pastor)

SERMON "Refuse Shortcuts" Rev. Eliud Martinez

REFLECTION

*CLOSING HYMN "Standing on the Promises" #374 UMH (vs 1, 3 & 4)

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SALEM?



of orders: 9
Amount of Profit: \$159.13
Year-to-Date Profit: \$374.93
Next Scrip Order Date: March 1, 2026



Do You Need a Prayer? Do you have a concern or a joy you'd like to share with the prayer chain? Call Julie Francis at 920-948-4032 with these requests. All prayer concerns are *confidential and kept within the prayer chain*. Prayer requests are sent out via email; if you're interested in being a prayer warrior, you may also contact Julie.

Women's Life Group



Women of all ages are invited to join our **Women's Life Group** on **Thursday, March 12, 2026**, at **6:30 p.m.** in the **Chapel**.

This month's discussion, **TBA**.

Come for conversation, connection, and encouragement. All are welcome—bring a friend!



Confirmation Classes: Next Confirmation class will be Sunday, March 1st from 5-6:30pm in the Conference room.



Check out Salem's website! It's recently been updated.

<https://www.fdsalemchurch.com/>

If you are watching the Sunday service on livestream, the Bulletin and Announcements are on the Salem website under the Bulletin and Announcements tab (formerly the Resource tab)



FEBRUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH: Feed My Starving Children

"Feed My Starving Children" (FMSC) is a Christian nonprofit dedicated to providing nutritious meals for children worldwide.

This event will take place at the Fond du Lac Fairgrounds Recreation Building.

The **FMSC mobile pack date (when meal packs are assembled) is Saturday, March 21, 2026**, with three available packing time sessions: 9-11am, 12-2pm, 3-5pm, with a cleanup time after 5:00. **On Friday, March 20th the FMSC unloading time is 5-6pm and set up at 6-8 pm.** You can sign up to do this also.

We had 50 members and friends of our congregation participate in this event last year. In addition, Salem contributed \$1,025 toward the \$41,000 needed to pay for last year's meals.

We are signing up right now to participate in the packing sessions. Look for the sign up sheets in the Narthex or contact Deb Gilliland. The "Have a Heart" part of our mission is your donation opportunity. Please select a heart from the tree in the entryway and make your gift for that amount or donate any amount you wish. You can place the heart with your donation in the offering plate. All money collected will be used to pay for the mobile pack meals. Please consider this very important mission opportunity. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Gilliland.



Lent Bible Study: Join us at 9:30am every Tuesday, starting 2/17 through 3/24; next class February 24th

We invite all members to attend a **financial review** on Sunday, March 1, 2026 following the 9:00 a.m. service. This is an opportunity to ask questions and get a better understanding of how our money is spent.

Accountable Leadership Board (ALB) Highlights

February 16, 2026

Specialists Reports (formerly Committees)

- **Trustees-Phil Corbin**
 - *Fire inspection failed*; blocked panel and extension cord issues, both fixed.
 - *Boiler inspection failed*; fixed; donation covered \$3,200 expense
- **Missions-Doug Hammack**
 - No changes to schedule
- **Finances-Rick Roth**
 - Endowment of \$10,000 received
 - Capital fund of \$11,000 for glass doors received
 - Apportionment paid (pay monthly to conference)
 - Budget for insurance increased due to rising costs
 - Pastoral compensation pkg. increased per conference
 - Month to month giving down
 - Townhall meeting with congregation in near future

Organization Chart being created for Bulletin and handout for congregation with roles / contact info of ALB members

Promoting Salem via Social Media

- *Facebook, Website, Instagram, QR Codes.*
- Exploring options. Info coming up on how WE ALL can promote Salem
- Kitchen to Community – follow up meeting coming
- Social media ideas? Contact Amy Ahlstrom
- Communication
 - Ideas for ALB? Contact Doug Hammack, Member at large
 - Any meetings/events need to be on the church calendar by contacting church office.

Next meeting date: March 16, 2026 at 6:00 pm

Any questions? Contact an ALB member.