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COMING UP AT SALEM

SUNDAY, March 1 ***Scrip Due*** 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Fellowship 10:15 AM Sunday School 5:00 PM Confirmation Class	THURSDAY, March 5
MONDAY, March 2 Pastor Vacation 3/2-3/10	FRIDAY, March 6 *Pastor's Day Off*
TUESDAY, March 3 9:30 AM Lent Bible Study	SATURDAY, March 7
WEDNESDAY, March 4 7:00 PM Choir Practice	SUNDAY, March 8/Peter Capoyianes 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Fellowship 10:15 AM Sunday School

Living a Life of Gratitude

February 22, 2025
ATTENDANCE: 49 (plus viewing on-line)
GENERAL FUND: \$3,484.00
THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL GENEROSITY!



SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

REV. ELIUD MARTINEZ

120 Sheboygan Street
 Fond du Lac, WI 54935

March 1, 2026
 9:00 AM

2nd 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

INTROIT "Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpets" Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God calls us to set out in faith.

People: The love of God leads us home.

Leader: Christ blesses us that we might bless others.

People: The blessings of Christ heal our world.

Leader: The Holy Spirit strengthens us for the journey.

People: The power of the Spirit sustains and supports us.

Leader: The One who made heaven and earth meets us here.

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

Lord of light and love, your Spirit enlivens our spirits, even as your kingdom draws us to you. May we be born from above, that our souls might ascend to your realm and taste the joy of eternal life in your name. For you sent your Son into our world, not to condemn the world, but that all who enter into his light we might have life, and have it abundantly. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN “From All That Dwell Below the Skies” #101 UMH (vs 1, 2 & 4)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Maker of heaven and earth, when we face times of trial, lift our eyes to the hills to find our help. For you meet us in our need, and you lift us from the cares and toils that weaken our spirits and sap our strength. Call us this day as you called your followers of old, for we long experience your awesome power and respond with faithful hearts and willing spirits. Bless us each day, that we might share the promise of your blessings with a world struggling to find its way. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Just as the wind blows where it will, God’s Spirit moves in our world, calling us into ever deeper life with Christ. Hear and claim this good news. It is freely given.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Nicene Creed #880 UMH

CHILDREN’S TIME

***PASSING THE PEACE**

As disciples of Christ, we are born of the Spirit and offered a heritage that no one can take away. Share the joy and peace of life in Christ by greeting those around you in the name of the one who came to save us in holy love.

CHOIR ANTHEM “Be Thou My Vision” Choir

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

TITHES & OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY #95 UMH**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)**

Gracious God, just as you blessed the saints of old when they ventured forth in faith, so now bless us in our living and in our giving. Transform our gifts and offerings into blessings for a weak and weary world, that all may touch your great love. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READING Old Testament Genesis 12:1-4 (Liturgist)
New Testament Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 (Liturgist)**

***HYMN “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” #298 UMH (vs 1, 2 & 3)**

SCRIPTURE READING New Testament John 3:1-17 (Pastor)

SERMON “Walk By Faith” Rev. Eliud Martinez

REFLECTION

HOLY COMMUNION

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.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Unison) Page 11 UMH

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN “Lift High the Cross” #159 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)



March Mission of the Month is Sleep in Heavenly Peace. "No Kid Sleeps on the Floor in Our Town" Is their motto!

Sleep in Heavenly Peace was founded in Kimberly, Idaho in 2012. It provides hand-made bunk beds for children who don't have beds of their own. Every bed is handcrafted and constructed by volunteers willing to donate their time to help children in their community and is funded by generous donations.

Tom Otte's, FdL's Chapter President, shared that last year (2025) 307 beds were delivered. These beds went to children ages 3-17. They were in new home placements, domestic family splits in new housing, fire displacements, rodent and insect displacements, new moves into the community, children aging into the program at age 3, and just coming across children who we've found received their FIRST BED at age 14...multiple instances of this.

For about \$250.00 a bed is created. Nationally the cost is around \$300.00. Our Chapter has some great partners that help us keep our costs slightly lower. This year our goal is to build 400 beds. We are lowering the percentage of "bedlessness" in FdL county. It was approximately 5% when we began 5 years ago, and now it is down to almost 2%.

We are growing geographically now covering 33 zip codes which are all of Fond du Lac and all of Dodge Counties, sans Juneau. There will be 6 bed builds in 2026, one has been completed. Shari Grinnell participated in this event.

The bedding donation Dropbox is located inside the FdL County Airport. This is the main source of bedding collection. All bedding has been 100% donated which helps to keep our average cost lower than the national average.

The Wisconsin-Fond du Lac Chapter's president is Tom Otte. He may be contacted at tom.otte@shpbeds.org if you would like to help on a "Build Day". Talk to Shari about her experience.

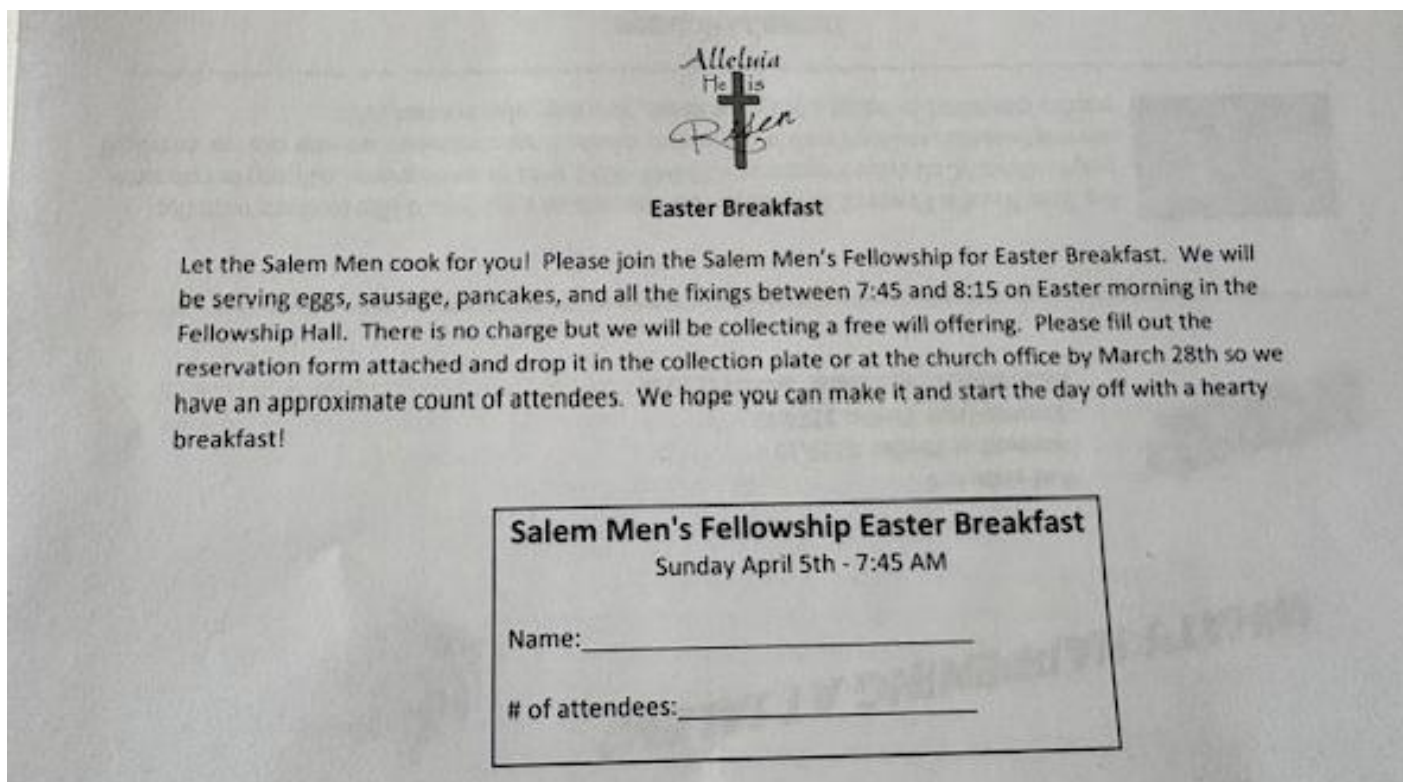
Thank you for supporting this very important mission.



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



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.





Salem United Methodist Church

Family Easter Event

Saturday, March 28, 2026

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

📍 120 Sheboygan St, Fond du Lac, WI 54935



Join Us for a Joyful Easter Family Celebration!

🥚 Easter Egg Hunt 🧶 Crafts 📖 Easter Stories

🎮 Games & Activities 🍷 Fellowship & Treats



Fun for the Entire Family!

Everyone is Welcome — Bring Your Friends!



📄 **Please Register by March 22, 2026**

See Katherine Gilliland or Penny Kottke with Questions

(Detach and return to the church office or place in the offering plate.)

✂️ Registration Form ✂️ Family Easter Event, Saturday, March 28, 2026 9 - 11 a.m.

Family Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Number of Adults Attending: _____ Number of Children Attending: _____ Total _____

Ages of Children (optional): _____