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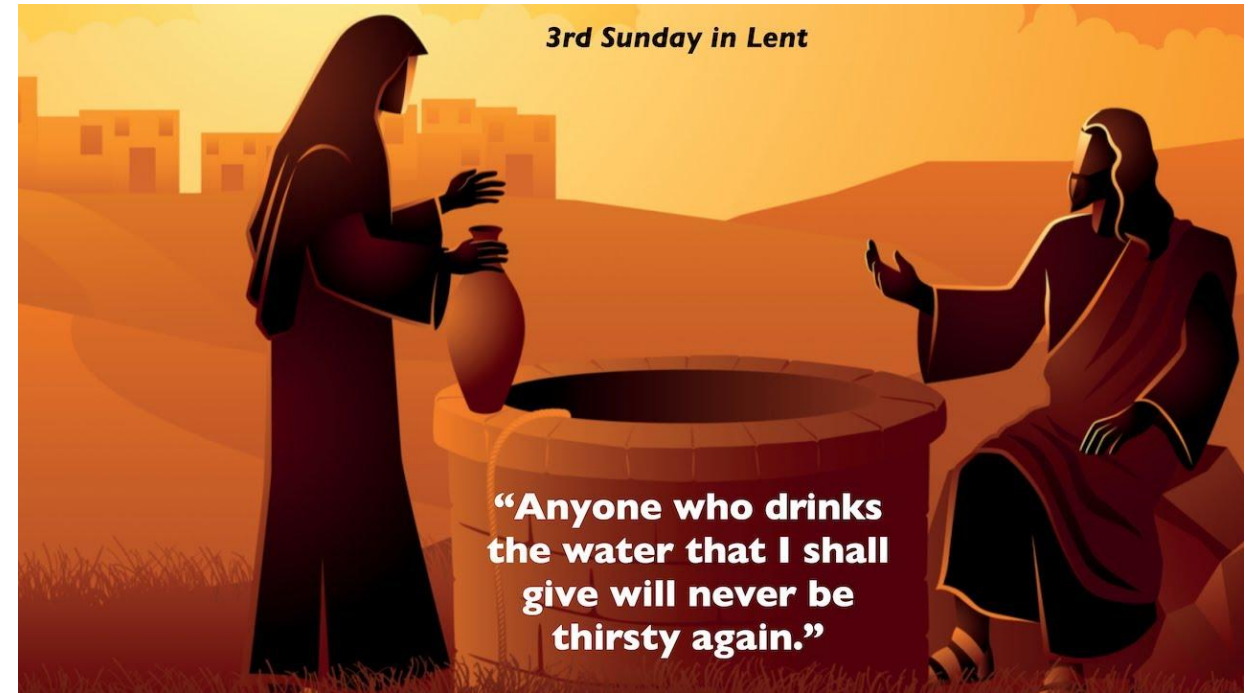
Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

COMING UP AT SALEM

SUNDAY, March 8/Peter Capoyianes 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Fellowship 10:15 AM Sunday School	THURSDAY, March 12 6:30 PM Women's Life Group
MONDAY, March 9	FRIDAY, March 13 *Pastor's Day Off*
TUESDAY, March 10 9:30 AM Lent Bible Study	SATURDAY, March 14
WEDNESDAY, March 11 6:00 PM Worship Meeting 7:00 PM Choir Practice	SUNDAY, March 15 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Fellowship 10:15 AM Sunday School 5:00 PM Confirmation Class

Living a Life of Gratitude

March 1, 2026
ATTENDANCE: 64 (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 8, 2026
 9:00 AM

3rd 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: Worship God with joy and thanksgiving.

People: Make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Leader: We are the sheep of God's pasture.

People: We are the lambs of God's flock.

Leader: Come! Let us worship the Lord.

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

Living water, flow through our hearts today. Quench our thirst in our desert wanderings, and strengthen us for the road ahead. Bathe us in your fountain of eternal life, that our spirits may flow with faith and love, through the power of your eternal Spirit. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" #127 UMH (vs 1, 2 & 3)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Wellspring of salvation, quench our thirst this day. When our souls are parched, we long to taste the healing waters of your grace. When our spirits are as dry as desert sands, we yearn to find renewal in the well of your mercy and your love. Shower us in your living water that we may be washed clean in the river of your forgiveness and your grace. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Those whose souls drink of Christ's living water will never thirst again. Those who refresh themselves in Christ will have a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

CHILDREN'S TIME

***PASSING THE PEACE**

God pours peace and love into our hearts through the power of the Holy Spirit. Let us receive these gifts, as we share the peace of Christ with one another.

***CONTEMPORARY HYMN "Living Waters" by Keith & Kristyn Getty Jenna Roth**

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.

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***DOXOLOGY**

#95 UMH

***OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)**

Eternal Spirit, Source of healing and wholeness, receive our grateful hearts for your many blessings. Transform the gifts we bring this day into Christ's promise of living water for the world. Bathe those who are touched by today's offering in your goodness and grace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

**Old Testament Exodus 17:1-7 (Liturgist)
New Testament Romans 5:1-11 (Liturgist)**

***HYMN**

"Amazing Grace" #378 UMH (vs 1, 2, 5 & 6)

SCRIPTURE READING

New Testament John 4:5-42 (Chaplain Peter Capoyianes)

SERMON

"3 Strikes but Never Out" Chaplain Peter Capoyianes

REFLECTION

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Just as I Am, Without One Plea" #357 UMH (vs 1, 2 & 6)

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SALEM?



of orders: 5
Amount of Profit: \$65.30
Year-to-Date Profit: \$440.23
Next Scrip Order Date: March 15, 2026

This week's orders will be in the Church Office by Thursday afternoon. Thank you for supporting this ongoing program!



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 15th 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 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.

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**Lent Bible Study:** Join us at 9:30am every Tuesday, starting 2/17 through 3/24; next class March 10<sup>th</sup>

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**Easter Breakfast**

Let the Salem Men cook for you! Please join the Salem Men's Fellowship for Easter Breakfast. We will be serving eggs, sausage, pancakes, and all the fixings between 7:45 and 8:15 on Easter morning in the Fellowship Hall. There is no charge but we will be collecting a free will offering. Please fill out the reservation form attached and drop it in the collection plate or at the church office by March 28th so we have an approximate count of attendees. We hope you can make it and start the day off with a hearty breakfast!



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| <p align="center"><b>Salem Men's Fellowship Easter Breakfast</b><br/> Sunday April 5th - 7:45 AM</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p># of attendees: _____</p> |
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## How can I Support Salem?

Ever wonder what you can do to help support Salem? Below are some suggestions:

### One on One Contact

- *Talk* one on one with family and friends about Salem
- *Invite* family and friends to Salem for Worship, Sunday School and events
- *Bring* family and friends with you to Salem for Worship, Sunday School and events

### Salem Website

- Invite family and friends to check out Salem's website by searching on the web or using their cell phone to scan the QR code

- <https://www.fdsalechurch.com/>



### Facebook

- If you're on Facebook, search for [Salem United Methodist Church](#) page and click the **Follow** button. When something is posted on Salem's page, you will see it in your feed. Did you know we currently have **541** followers? Let's increase that number!!!
- *Search* on the web using the link below or use your cell phone to scan the QR code

- <https://www.facebook.com/Salemsound120>



- *Share* Posts to your page by clicking on *Share* and putting it on your feed. That way others can see it and will be interested.

### Financial

- Participate in **Scrip**. It's a program that earns money for Salem by purchasing gift cards at cost and the business supplies the profit that comes back to Salem.
- *Online giving* is available via the website on the *Donations* tab or use your cell phone to scan the QR code (The Online Giving QR code will be on the Tithes & Offerings slide on the PowerPoint during Salem's church service).



**FYI:** The QR codes above will be used in promoting Salem UMC when at events, e.g. Apple Pie Sale, Farmer's Market, Men's Chili Supper, Strawberry Social, etc.

Have other ideas or have questions?

Contact Amy Ahlstrom, ALB Communications Specialist