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

COMING UP AT SALEM

SUNDAY, April 5/Easter Sunday 7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service 7:45 AM Breakfast 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Fellowship	THURSDAY, April 9 6:30 PM Women's Life Group
MONDAY, April 6 6:00 PM Mickie's Dance Class	FRIDAY, April 10
TUESDAY, April 7	SATURDAY, April 11 *Pastor's Day Off*
WEDNESDAY, April 8 6:00 PM Worship Planning Team Mtg 7:00 PM Choir Practice	SUNDAY, April 12 ***Scrip Due*** 9:00 AM Special Hymn Sing Service 10:00 AM Fellowship 10:15 AM Sunday School 5:00 PM Confirmation Class

Grace of Giving

March 29, 2026
ATTENDANCE: 55 (plus viewing on-line)
GENERAL FUND: \$2,226.00
THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL GENEROSITY!



SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

REV. ELIUD MARTINEZ

120 Sheboygan Street
 Fond du Lac, WI 54935

April 5, 2026
 9:00 AM

Easter Sunday

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 "Up From the Grave He Arose" Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We don't know where to find Jesus.
People: The days have been dark. The news has been sad.
Leader: We don't know what to do with our grief.
People: The cross has claimed his life. The tomb has shrouded our hope.
Leader: We don't know where to look for answers.
People: Tears and sorrow blind us in our grief. We don't know where to find Jesus.

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

God of mystery and might, on a dawn shrouded in grief and pain, you surprise us with the light of your wondrous love. We come to the tomb expecting death, but find life instead. Take us back to that moment, when fear was healed by hope and death was banished by life. In the holy awe of Easter morning, may we sing out our joy, for Christ, our Lord, has risen today! Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" #302 UMH (vs 1, 2, 3 & 4)
(There is a short instrumental interlude between the 3rd & 4th verses)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Come, O God, and bring new life to the dead places in our hearts. When we are weary and afraid, help us trust your never-failing love. May this love banish our fears, nourish our spirits, and deepen our joy. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God's love is faithful and everlasting. This is the day that God has made. It is filled with new life and hope.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostle's Creed #881 UMH

***PASSING THE PEACE**

With overflowing joy and boundless gratitude for new life in Christ, let us share the triumph of love over hate as we exchange signs of Christ's peace this blessed day.

CHOIR ANTHEM "Praise the God of Resurrection" Choir

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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DOXOLOGY #94 UMH

***OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)**

With gratitude and joy, O God, we bring these gifts for your use, even as we offer our very lives into your loving service. May our financial assistance and the ministries of this church bring new life to a hurting world in need of resurrection. May our gifts touch the lost and lonely with the assurance that in your arms, life never ends and love never dies. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING New Testament Acts 10:34-43 (Liturgist)
Colossians 3:1-4 (Liturgist)

***HYMN** "Easter People Raise Your Voices" #304 UMH(vs 1, 2 & 3)

SCRIPTURE READING New Testament John 20:1-18 (Pastor)

SERMON "The Reason Christ Sends Us" Rev. Eliud Martinez

REFLECTION

HOLY COMMUNION

LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

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** "Jesus Shall Reign" #157 UMH (vs 1, 2, 3 & 5)
(There is a short instrumental interlude between the 3rd & 4th verses)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Easter Egg Brass: Trumpet – Tom Nachtwey
French Horns – Kathy & Tim Nachtwey
Euphonium – Omer Durfee
Bass Trombone – Peter Capoyianes

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SALEM?



of orders: 9
Amount of profit: \$86.03
Year to date profit: \$721.31 (\$100.00 more than last year at this time)
Next Scrip order date: April 12, 2026

We had 5 new people participate in Scrip this week! This week's orders will be in the Church Office by Thursday afternoon.
If you have questions about Scrip, talk to Sue Gerritson or Amy Ahlstrom. Or stop by Bonnie in the narthex after worship!
It's an easy fund raiser for Salem!
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, April 9, 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, April 12th 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 Newsletters/Bulletins tab



APRIL MISSION OF THE MONTH: Heifer International began in 1944, and has assisted over 46.4 million Households in 19 countries across 4 continents. To date, 7.6 million people have been trained on farming techniques (64% are women).

LOCAL SOLUTIONS, GLOBAL IMPACT: Heifer International partners with smallholder farmers – especially women farmers – to improve their families' food security and increase their incomes. Training and resources are provided that will help farmers work together to build profitable, sustainable businesses with strong market linkages.

HATCHING HOPE: is a ground breaking initiative that equips farmers with tools & expertise they need to start and grow poultry businesses. It works at scale, connecting producers to markets so they can increase their incomes, while promoting the nutritional value of eggs and meat within communities, building sustainable markets for the future.

Please make your prayerful contribution to this Global mission.

