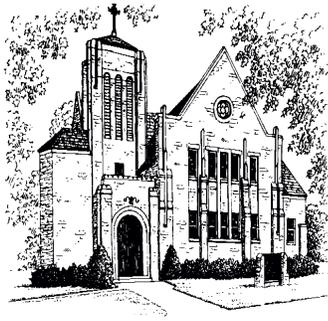


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# Here's Your March 2018

# Salem Spirit

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar. 3	6:00 PM	Bach Around the Clock
Mar. 4	12:00 PM	Church Council Meeting
Mar. 10	8:00 AM	Men's Breakfast
Mar. 15	5:00 PM	Community Meal
Mar. 20	7:00 PM	Trustees Mtg.
Mar. 21	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Faith
Mar. 21	12:00 PM	Senior Luncheon
Mar. 25		Palm Sunday

## WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday	10:15 AM	Sustaining Prayer
	10:30 AM	Worship
	11:45 AM	Salem Youth Group
Tuesday	9:30 AM	Bible Study
Wednesday	6:15 PM	Chancel Choir
Friday	6:00 PM	Salem Kid's Club

Deadline for Salem Spirit article submission is the **THIRD Wednesday** of the month. The next deadline is **Wednesday, April 18** for the May 2018 Edition.

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# *A Word from Our Pastor*

Getting to know you,  
Getting to know all about you,  
Getting to like you,  
Getting to hope you like me.

Hopefully all of the above is true.

Thank you for your warm reception of my family. Now, I would like to visit you all. I would appreciate a time to come visit you either at your home or here in the office, or someplace where coffee and hot tea is hot. See the article below.

I have been to some of your homes, but I have not been to all of them. In case of an emergency, I would like to know where your houses are, and to visit with you. It would be a part of getting to know you.

I really like being here, and would like to get to know other people better. To understand a little better and to be able to walk with you through difficult time.

“In an effort to improve communication, increase rapport and be more intentional in ministry, I will be setting up one to one meetings. We can meet at your home, my office, or for a cup of coffee/tee somewhere. I look forward to getting to know all of you and for you to get to know me better. I believe we can serve and work better together the more we know and understand each other. Be patient, this will take a while. I’ll be in touch or you can be in touch”.

There really was no place for this in the newsletter. So, I included it here. Let us work together and even at times play together. I would really like to get to know all of you. Some may not be open to such a call from or to, and that is OK.

I love you all, and would like to meet up with you at some point. Either at your home, or here in the office, of some place where coffee and tea are hot.

Let’s work and even play together. If you need me, my phone number is 815-883-0952. I love you all,

Your Pastor,  
Doug

# March 2018 Prayer Calendar

## March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Pray for the children and teachers of Florida.	2 If weather is good, take a walk today.	3 Stay at home and read a good book
	4 Holy Communion	5 Pray for Salem United Methodist Church.	6 Pray for God's peace to come to all places.	7 Pray for our Bishop Sally Dyck.	8 Pray for families who have lost loved ones in the shooting.	9 Join the Toy Makers at the church.
	11 Come to Church today.	12 Pray for the United Methodist Church.	13 Pray for the law officers and fire fighters of our communities.	14 Pray for our District Superintendent Darneather Murph-Heath.	15 Pray for no more shootings to come.	16 Do whatever will feed your soul today.
	18 Come to Church today.	19 Pray for the staff of Salem United Methodist Church.	20 Pray for the political leaders of all places.	21 Pray for the Council of Bishops.	22 Pray for the end of violence.	23 Prepare yourself for church tomorrow.
	25 Come to Church today.	26 Pray for the Toy Ministry.	27 Pray for hope to come to all people.	28 Pray for openness of heart.	29 Pray for children and staff at Hough Street School.	30 If weather is good, begin a new hobby.
						31 Last day of the month, have fun today.

# Church News and Upcoming Events



## Monthly Men's Breakfast - March 10

The March 2018 Men's Breakfast will be held at Salem on Saturday, March 10, at 8:00 am in Fellowship Hall. Good food (cooked on site!), followed by good conversation and fellowship

are offered for Salem's men, plus their male family and friends. **Men Only!** Planning for this monthly breakfast includes letting Don Griffith (708-699-6752) know if you will be attending, so there will be enough food. All men are welcome!

## Community Meal at St. Paul's United Church of Christ - on March 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:00PM to 7:00PM

*"It's more than a meal...it's belonging"*

Included with this "Serving something delicious!" meal, will be a performance by guitarist, Jim Green, from 5:30PM to 6:30pm. For further information, please contact St. Paul's at: [thecommunitymealbarrington@gmail.com](mailto:thecommunitymealbarrington@gmail.com); or call (847) 525-8005. They are located at: 401 E. Main St., Barrington, IL.



## ShopWithScrip Program



Gift cards from the many vendors offered by ShopWithScrip make it easy to select the perfect gift for everyone, including yourself! And a small percentage of each sale comes back to Salem Church as a fundraiser. So you can make your shopping easier and help Salem Church at the same time.

Our regular ordering date for ShopWithScrip is the first Sunday of each month (January 7 this month), but we can order at other times as well if you have a special need. It takes three (3) days to receive orders. Order forms are in the Welcome Center, or we can email one to you. Call Edi in the office at (847) 381-0524 with any questions.

# Children and Youth News

## Salem Children and Youth

The Salem Kids Club continues to meet on Friday night from 6-7pm. We are learning about Lent and how to balance a relationship with God and the many things that pull us away. Mixing lessons into fun games, crafts and activities.

Seems that the youth are as busy as ever with school and sports and jobs. Making it very hard to have a consistent group show up. We have moved away from Friday night meetings to a 2-hour bi-monthly meeting on Sunday afternoons from 11:45 - 1:45pm. We will focus our discussions on Lent and having a "Vertical" relationship with God while also working on our "Horizontal" relationship with one another. Our Next youth group meeting is on March 4<sup>th</sup> and considering an extended outing on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Friends are ALWAYS welcome to join for all gatherings.



One of the Hartley boys being silly!

We are in the "planning phase" of a youth mission trip. Please look for an email coming out soon about length of this trip, possible dates, and locations.

We will need to do a bit more fundraising to be able to afford this trip. We will do another Babysitting Fundraiser in the month of March and again in May. Exact dates will be given as soon as they are booked.

As always, please feel free to contact me via text, call (630-715-5682 or email: [lballard@pmidpi.com](mailto:lballard@pmidpi.com) for any children or youth related questions, comments or concerns.

Peace! ~ The Salem Children and Youth Team, *Linda Ballard and Melissa Carlson*

## WAG (Women's Activity Group)

February's event was Bunko, hosted by Belen Ashley. A fun evening was had by all and prizes were awarded to some!



March 3<sup>rd</sup> event - Join Salem's Chancel Choir in celebration of Bach's 33<sup>rd</sup> birthday! The Bach Around the Clock concert will be at the First United Methodist Church of Elgin. At 6:00PM the Chancel Choir will sing a Bach piece, followed by a piano solo from our own Yukiko Fujiura, then a vocal solo from Dave Hartley.

Bach Around the Clock is a 12-hour concert. Salems' pieces begin at 6:00PM and end approximately ½ hour later. You may come earlier than Salem's performances and stay after they have finished. However, a WAG group dinner is planned afterward at a restaurant (location to be announced).

Concert Location: First United Methodist Church, 216 E. Highland Ave., Elgin, IL.  
Concert Hours: 9:00AM to 9:00 PM.  
Salem performs at: 6:00PM

Free parking is available in a multi-level garage across the street from the church.

A free will donation for the concert will benefit Ecker Center for Mental Health.

For more information, go to:  
[http://www.fumcelgin.org/page/bach\\_around\\_the\\_clock](http://www.fumcelgin.org/page/bach_around_the_clock).

Hosted by Karen Keating and Sarah Edwards.

## PRESCHOOL NEWS



The preschool scholastic Book Fair will be open during preschool hours through Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Stop by and shop!

March is a very busy (and quick) month for us at the preschool! The 4's and Pre K classes will be visiting Max McGraw to see how maple syrup is gathered. We are also looking forward to Donuts for Dad this month. Preschoolers bring the dad, granddad, and/or a special guest for special breakfast in Fellowship Hall.

The registration process for the 2018-2019 school year is just about complete! We have been busy "touring" many prospective parents and children. There are still openings in our program (ages 2 - 5 years). Please contact Cindy in the preschool office (847) 381-0536

# Member Celebrations

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Mar. 5	Debra Griffith	Mar. 27	Diane Listhartke
Mar. 8	Ryan Sadorf	Mar. 27	Michael Hert
Mar. 11	Karen Keating	Mar. 28	Ed Keating
Mar. 11	Betty Warman	Mar. 29	Toni Neff
Mar. 13	Sarah Hammond	Mar. 29	Dustan Taylor
Mar. 17	Katie Edwards	Mar. 31	Craig Warman
Mar. 18	Lorna Warman	Mar. 31	Joshua Hammond
Mar. 20	Jonathan Quist 45		

## Prayer Concerns

Those With Health Issues	Denise Patterson, Loraine Carlson, Patty Johnsen, Elaine Cox, Laurel & Jim Skomer, Amy Strong, Dan Pomeroy, Lois Larson, Leonard Kopecky, Tammy, Diane <b>Prayers Urgently Needed for Amy Strong</b>
Those With Long-Term Health Issues	Arthur & Brian Burgeson, Hannah, Michaela, Debbie Donner, Chuck Patterson, Loren Schrenk, Karen Griffith, Bic Simmons, Maureen Schuneman, Jon Mortensen-Perlin, Maja Bayerlein, Leo Schulz, Rev. Tommie Johnson, Tim Keating
Those With Special Needs	Ben Sadorf, Olivia, Pamela, McKinleigh, Craig, Allison Hansen, Lori, Darlene, the Lackowski Family, Lisa Carlson McInnes
Those in the Armed Forces	Dustan Taylor, Bruce Johnson, Shad Mead, Jeff Walden, Curt Higdon, Hsienjan Huang, Freddy Aguilera, Ryan Charles
All Those Affected by Hurricanes and Other Natural Disasters	

*Do you have a specific prayer concern? Let the Salem family share your burden and your assurance of God's providence. Submit a prayer request using the pink sheet in the pew rack on Sundays or contact the church office.*