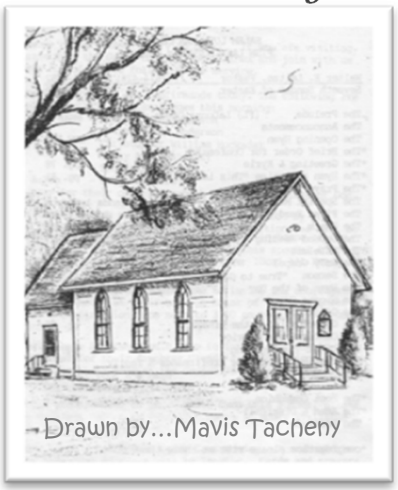
Our History

Salem was built in 1893 by a handful of Swedish immigrants who needed a place of worship. The dirt-poor immigrants had been walking nearly six miles every Sunday morning to an established Lutheran Church. At times they took food for their meal, and walked 6 miles back home. The few immigrants somehow raised $500 and built the Chapel over a hundred years ago. Salem has grown a lot in the last years. We have gone through a building project which increased the size of the facility and gave us more space for youth gatherings and adult meetings. We now have indoor plumbing facilities, even though we did retain the outside privy as a monument to Salem's heritage.



Our kitchen facilities have been modernized and we have a lovely narthex. Our altar now features a beautiful stained glass window, reconditioned pulpit and repaired communion rail.

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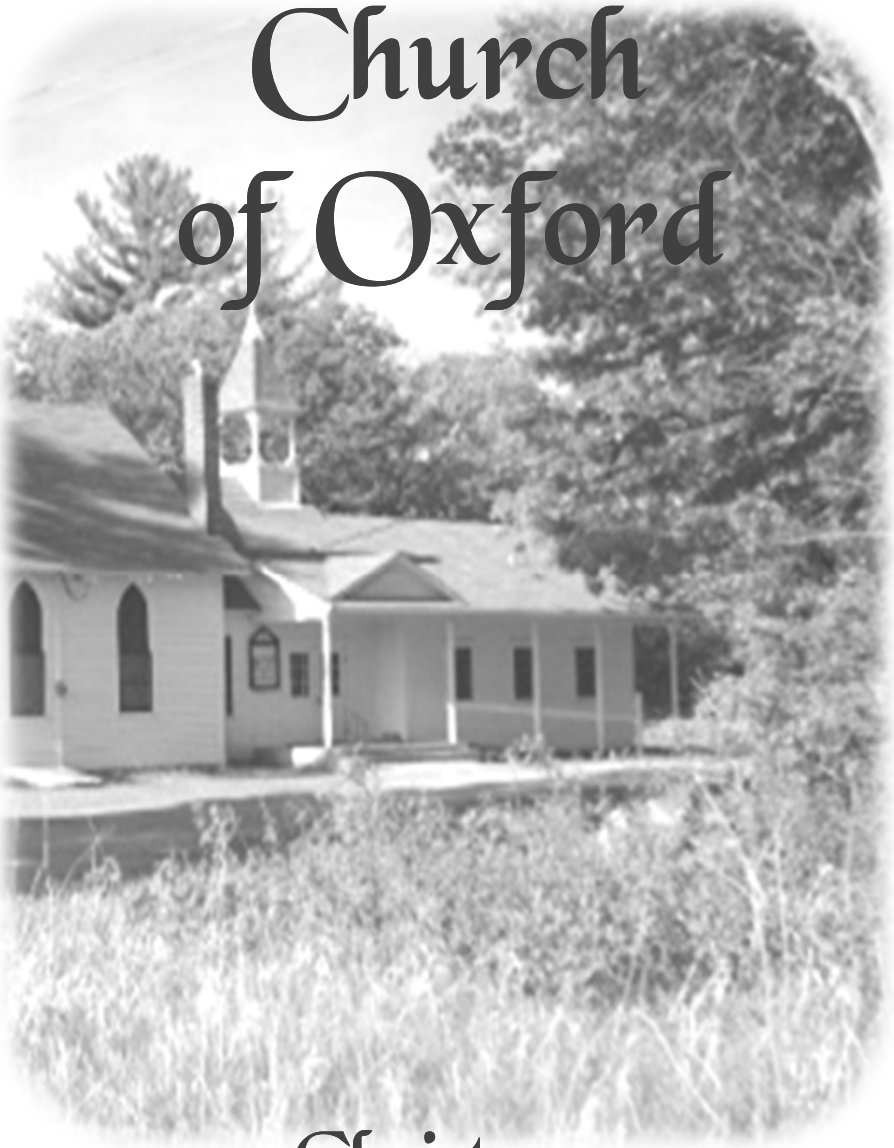

Christmas

December 29, 2013

Salem Lutheran Church of Oxford

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North Branch, MN 55056
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Pastor's Phone: 651-261-7333

Pastor – Rob Krajewski

Welcome, Pr. Conrad Warner!

Church season: Christmas

Call To Worship

Pastor's greeting: Recognize visitors and guests, review prayer list, etc.

(Please stand)

Hymn: The Family of God 419

Greeting in Christ: Sharing the peace

Hymn: O God, Our Help in Ages Past 686

Opening Prayer

Confession: (*Unison*) *We confess that we are in bondage to sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your son, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.*

Absolution

Apostles' Creed: *I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from where He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Hymn: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 682

Liturgy of the Word –

Responsive Reading: Psalm 111

1st Lesson: Isaiah 63:7-14

2nd Lesson: Galatians 4:4-7

(Please stand)

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23

(Please be seated)

Sermon: Pr. Warner

(Please stand)

Hymn: Another Year is Dawning 258

(Please be seated)

Liturgy of the Offering –

Offering –

Offertory 816

Prayers of The People & Lord's Prayer

Next Holy Communion:
January 19, 2014

Concluding Rites

Announcements ...

(Please stand)

Benediction / Threefold Amen

Closing song: "God Be With You"

God be with you 'til we meet again;
By His counsels guide uphold you,
With His sheep securely hold you;
God be with you 'til we meet again
'Til we meet, 'til we meet, 'til we meet at Jesus' feet;
'Til we meet, 'til we meet,
God be with you 'til we met again.

Sending:

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude