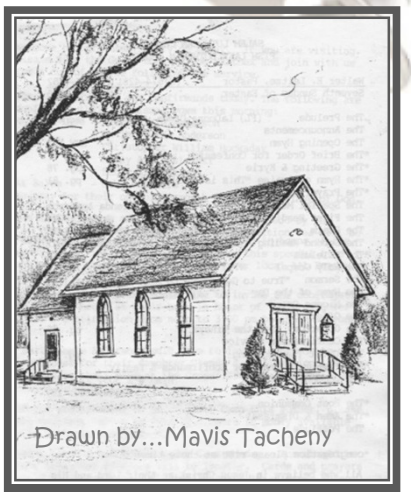
Our History

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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Church season: Christmas

Call To Worship – Christmas Eve

Pastor's greeting: Welcoming statement from narthex

Proclamation: Isaiah 9:2 and 6a

(please remain seated)

(Complete silence)

Processional:

Presentation of the Infant & Christ Candle

(please stand)

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Lighting of the tapers while singing…

(Note: Please tip unlit candle to lighted candle)

(Note: Pr. Rob will sing a solo verse to the following…)

Hymn: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* 245

Blessing of the Manger/Opening Prayer

Hymn: *O Come, All Ye Faithful* 249

(extinguish tapers)

(please be seated)

Liturgy of the Word –

Responsive Reading: built on a poem called "The Light" by Gamar Robinson and *Psalm 27: 1 and 4*

Reading the First Lesson: I John 1:5-7

(please stand)

Reading the Gospel: John 1: 4-14, 16

(please be seated)

Sermon: "What Is Your Light?"

(please stand)

Hymn: *Love Has Come* 256

Substitute the word "light" for each instance of "love"

(please be seated)

Liturgy of the Offering/Sending –

Offering - collection

Special Music – *What Child Is This? & O Holy Night* – Jerry Youngquist

(please stand)

Offertory 816

Petitions – Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Blessing and Sending

Hymn: *The First Noel* 265

Vs. 1, 2, 4, & 6

Merry Christmas