

Greetings, All.

I'd like to keep you abreast of what we have going on at Salem – a winter newsletter.

Since I wrote you last fall, we...

- ...cleaned up the parish grounds cleaned up for the fall (though it had to be moved because of the weather),
- ...feasted on lots of pies after our Thanksgiving service,
- ...studied the first three centuries of the Church's history (biblical, liturgical, theological, and ecclesiological development) during the Wednesdays of Advent,
- ...joined 108 folks in watching 21 kids present the annual Christmas program,
- ...had a beautiful candlelit Christmas Eve service,
- ...raised about \$600 for a local family in need, and
- ...began studying the book of James (women) and the book of Jonah (men).

Coming up, we will...

- ...help support Lex Pregnancy Resource Center w/ their Baby Bottle Campaign (now through early Feb),
- ...have our annual meeting after the morning service on Sunday, Feb 4<sup>th</sup>,
- ...support a young girl (Natasha, Hans and Ellen's granddaughter) in her mission trip to Haiti (she will present her mission on Sunday, Feb 11<sup>th</sup>),
- ...celebrate Ash Wednesday, Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, with a simple supper at 6pm and a service at 7pm,
- ...consider the Church's history from the 4<sup>th</sup> century through today (focusing on the major reformations that have occurred during these 1700 years) on Wednesdays of Lent (Feb 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>); soup-n-sandwich supper at 6pm and learning/praying sessions at 7pm. Come for some or all of the weekly studies,
- ...visit and tour Glenna Farms during their Maple Fest on March 25<sup>th</sup> after the service,
- ...remember the Lord's crucifixion on Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm,
- ...celebrate His resurrection on Easter morning, April 1<sup>st</sup>, at 9:30, followed by brunch, and
- ...continue to have bible studies every-other Wednesday after Easter (stay tuned).

Looking further down the road...

- ...1<sup>st</sup> Communion will be celebrated on May 20<sup>th</sup> (talk to me if you have children 2<sup>nd</sup> grade or older who'd be interested).
- ...Memorial Day service (time to determined).
- ...Heritage Day will be celebrated on June 10<sup>th</sup> (Humble, Parson, and other families).
- ...We will support the ministries of the Military Bible Stick and Gideons in July
- ...Parish Picnic on Aug 5<sup>th</sup> – service at 10:30 w/ potluck picnic and games to follow.

We also would really like to continue to offer the Date Nights; many young families are interested in participating BUT we need volunteers to host them (talk to Emily Egan or me if you're able to help out).

Please mark these dates on your calendar and make plans to participate; we'd love to have you be a part of the many activities and ministries that are happening at Salem. We continue to be active and alive in our faith – growing, ministering, offering. To witness the vibrancy and vitality here is exciting. Come and be a part of it!

May you realize how much the Lord blesses each of you.

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